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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## DECEMBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### SECURED CASH THROUGH MISREPRESENTATIONS

Claiming to be the owner of a local farm Jack Adams obtains money on notes from Kankakee member

Because they placed faith in the assertions of an individual who called upon them and asked a loan on his note, a bank member at Kankakee, Ill., is to-day lamenting a loss of \$95.

This party came into the bank, stated that he was F. C. Roberts, and owned a farm 12 miles off, and asked for a loan of \$15 on his note. His story was heard in all confidence, and



JACK ADAMS OR F. C. ROBERTS

the note and cash exchanged hands. Some time later this man again came into the bank and secured other loans of \$30 and \$50.

As these notes matured, the bank wrote F. C. Roberts, who denied knowledge of them and proved to be other than the party that had appeared in the bank. It was then ascertained that the individual who represented himself as F. C. Roberts owned no property in that neighborhood but had been employed thereabouts as a farm hand and was known as Jack Adams and Frank Roberts. He is 28 to 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 147 pounds, of slender build, dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair; has a prominent Roman nose, gold filling in upper front teeth, is pleasant natured, and talks with southern accent.

### MECHANICAL ENGINEER SWINDLES BANK

Claiming to be employed by the Kansas City Bridge Company, Charles R. Zeigler draws bogus draft on Missouri bank

On November 3d, one Charles R. Zeigler approached a Wilkes-Barre, Pa., bank, claiming that he was employed as a mechanical engineer by the Kansas City Bridge Company, gave his address as 2810 Jefferson Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., and declared that he carried an account in the Southwest National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City. He was permitted to draw a draft on this bank, which draft was later returned marked "no account." He is 26 years, 5 feet 8 inches, has light hair and ruddy complexion.

### RAISES CHECK FROM \$1 TO \$67

No erasure marks are observed on check written in lead pencil. Bank gives cash and is loser

A bank at Atchison, Kan., had not complained of the fact that depositor John Smith wrote all of his checks in pencil. So Smith went on writing them with this medium and the bank continued to pay on them.

Smith became indebted to his employee Harry Wilson in amount of \$1. He wrote the latter out a check for this sum. Wilson realized what serious chances the bank was taking in passing on pencil checks; more so when he, Wilson, was directly concerned, for he could very neatly rub out the amount on that check and raise it to \$25, \$50 or even \$67. These were his thoughts as he finished removing the amount from Smith's check and proceeded to substitute "Sixty-seven dollars."

When he presented the check at the Atchinson bank, without hesitation they turned this money over to him. They are now the losers. A warrant has been sworn out for Wilson's arrest. He is 35 years, 5 feet 7 to 8 inches, 165 pounds, of stout build, has dark hair, dark eyes, and dark complexion.

### FARM BUYER IS SWINDLER

Is introduced at bank, forges real estate dealer's indorsement, and cashes bogus check

On December 10th, a real estate dealer of Junction City, Ky., introduced to a local bank a party, who the dealer claimed, had purchased a farm near Junction City and would want to open an account. This party said he would have his brother forward a check to the bank for \$4,500, to make the payment on the farm and to buy some teams and wagons. He then left, declaring that he would call again after his

return from Louisville, where he had left his wife and child. Later in the day he reappeared in the bank with a check supposed to be indorsed by the real estate dealer and drawn on the Second National Bank, Ravenswood, W. Va. Subsequently it was proven that this indorsement was forged and that no bank of this name existed at Ravenswood. This man is 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, has a black mustache; speech is impaired; wore a diamond cluster in tie; carried new black handbag. He used the name James T. Monday.



ARTHUR J. HAMILTON

### PERPETRATED BANK HOLD UP

Arthur J. Hamilton identified as man who secured \$2,500 from Manitou, Colo., bank

On December 7th, at 12:30 P.M., while the cashier of a bank at Manitou, Colo., was alone in the banking rooms, a man entered and with revolver leveled at the cashier, demanded that the latter fill up with currency a sack which was pushed towards him. The cashier had filled the sack with silver, when the robber ordered him into the vault and locked the door. One Arthur J. Hamilton was on December 23, 1915, arrested at Indianapolis, Ind. Hamilton is 26 to 28 years, 6 feet 1½ inches, 175 pounds, of slender build, dark complexion, has hazel eyes, brown hair, is smooth shaven, has a wart on the left little finger.

### NAMES PERCHERON HORSE IMPORTERS

Claims to represent J. Grout & Sons, Sioux City, Iowa, and exhibits a photograph of a Percheron stallion

A member of Excelsior Springs, Mo., tells of their unprofitable experience with one L. Harrison, who represented himself as being connected with J. Grout & Sons, Sioux City, Iowa, Percheron horse importers, and exhibited a photograph of a Percheron stallion to corroborate his statement. This bank had confidence in Harrison's story and accepted his draft which was returned as worthless. They state that he is 40 to 45 years, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet, 200 pounds; bears the appearance of a pugilist; wore a Masonic pin; talked in loud tones.

### CHECK KITING AT ATLANTA

Griffin Construction Company, and John Mione are names used to open accounts

In the early part of November, accounts were opened at several Atlanta, Ga., banks, under the names John Mione and the Griffin Construction Company. Checks were issued and kited from one bank to another. For example, a deposit of \$500 in cash was made. On the day following, a certified check of less amount was deposited in one of the other banks. This practise was continued until the operating parties created a good standing in the several banks. At this time they then issued uncertified checks and proceeded to draw against them. They defrauded the Atlanta banks of \$1,000 or more. John Mione, Italian, is 40 years, 5 feet 10 to 11 inches, 150 pounds, has a prominent nose, dark brown hair, brown eyes, and long face. His companion, also an Italian, is 40 years, 5 feet 4 to 5 inches, 140 pounds, has a red face, prominent nose, and sharp dark eyes.

### ALLEGED FARMER SWINDLES BANK

Claiming to be a member of the firm of Dunham & Lombardy Construction Co., E. Dunham secures cash on forged draft

On November 18th, an individual giving his name as E. Dunham, called at a Roanoke, Va., bank and presented a draft drawn by the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., on the National City Bank, New York, N. Y., in amount of \$1,800. He claimed to be a farmer and that he was living in Chicago with his wife and two children; that he was a member of the Dunham & Lombardy Construction Company. He succeeded in obtaining cash on this draft which was later returned marked, "Forgery." E. Dunham is about 45 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 220 pounds in weight.

### WARNING

#### FORGERS ON WESTERN COAST

Members are warned to be on their guard against a clique of forgers who have operated throughout the State of Oregon and along the Pacific Coast. They are named and described as follows:

JAMES F. WILSON, known as Harry J. Frye, F. C. Wayne, John B. Ward, K. E. Batters, George C. Leonard,



JAMES F. WILSON



W. LYLE AUBIN



CARL R. SAUNDERS



CHARLES J. MATTHEWS



VIRGIL SHELTON

W. W. Wolf, J. A. Morton, who is 21 years, 5 feet 5½ inches, 128 pounds, of medium build, dark hair and dark gray eyes.

CHARLES J. MATTHEWS, known as R. A. Verne, is 17 years, 5 feet 5¼ inches, 128 pounds, of medium build, azure blue eyes, light chestnut hair.

CARL R. SAUNDERS, known as Carl Roy Bretz, who is 21 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 143 pounds, of medium build, light auburn hair, dark gray eyes.

VIRGIL SHELTON, who is 22 years, 5 feet 5¾ inches, 119 pounds, medium slim build, has brown hair, medium complexion.

W. LYLE AUBIN, who is 22 years, 5 feet 4¾ inches, 123 pounds, of medium build, brown hair, and blue eyes.

The Oregon Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association as to their members' interests.

### **DANGEROUS IMPOSTER ARRESTED**

Individual who claimed to be a Special Agent of the Protective Department of this Association, and displayed letters bearing forged signature of the General Secretary, is taken into custody.

For the first time in the history of this Association the Protective Department has been misrepresented.

This misrepresentation was first made on December 18th, when one, William Lavell, appeared at Peoria, Ill., and canvassed its every bank as a Special Agent of our Protective Department; extended printed cards corroborating his assertion; displayed letters purporting to be signed by Col.

Fred. E. Farnsworth, General Secretary; and endeavored to obtain from these members possession of our Code Book and Cipher. Lavell related a tale about two female forgers whom he claimed he was "trailing." At one of these banks he handed to the cashier a description of the alleged forgers and warned that a sharp lookout be kept for their appearance. At this, and several other banks approached, he remarked that he desired to send a very important message to Mr. Farnsworth and asked for the Code Book and Cipher.

On December 21st, our detective agents and the local police arrested this William Lavell at Peoria. He had in his possession four hundred printed cards reading:

#### **AMERICAN BANKERS PROTECTIVE ASS'N**

William Lavell  
Special Agent.

New York City,  
U. S. A.

On his person were found two letters purporting to be signed by Col. Fred. E. Farnsworth, Secretary of this Association. One of these letters reads:

**"TO BANKERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

"This will introduce to you Mr. William W. Lavell, our Special Agent. Any favors shown him will be greatly appreciated. You will also please give him access to the A. B. A. Code and Ciphers, that he may use same for telegraphing, and letter writing, as the case may call for."



Under no circumstances should members show their Cipher Code to anyone! A person who is authorized to use one, is the possessor of one!

Lavell gave his true name as Frank H. Rossa and his home as Canisteo, N. Y.

## SUICIDE ENDS LIFE OF CRIME

**Man who swindled a member bank and numerous hotels, hangs self in Boston jail**

The recent arrest at Boston, Mass., of a man of many aliases and representations, convinced the authorities that a temporary end had been brought to the annoyance and loss which he had caused many banks and hotels. But, on the morning of December 17th, when they gazed into his cell and beheld him hanging lifeless to a rope, they realized that his operations were at an end.

On December 9, 1914, a member at Los Angeles, Cal., reported that Edward Barnett of New York had been introduced to them by the manager of a local hotel. On December 3d, Barnett deposited a \$5,000 draft against the Barnett Leather Company of New York, same to be deposited to his credit when paid. The bank had confidence in Barnett and his assertions, and advanced him \$2,500 on the draft, which was later returned as bogus.

From California Barnett came on to New York, defrauding the hotels that marked his route. He carried a number of letters of introduction supposed to have been issued by New York banks. The cards he presented to his intended victims told of his connections with G. F. Blackner & Sons, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., or the Rust Boiler Company, the John A. Manning Paper Company, the Standard Sales Company, the Hoffman Specialty Company, etc. He experienced little difficulty in cashing his bogus checks.

Barnett used the names Ed. Cahill, John Manning, Howard Watson, Frank Manning, E. S. Storm, Edward Fay, James Stone, Edward Foster, Edward Lang, William F. Hanson, and George L. Randerson.

ROY ANDERSON has put to loss a member of San Francisco, Cal., in the cashing of a forged check. We find that this man under the name Roy Roberts served two terms at San Quentin, Cal., for forgery. He is 30 years, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, 150 pounds, has brown hair, inclined to be sandy, small brown eyes, set well back in head. He is a chauffeur. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association towards effecting the apprehension of this man.

DR. D. DE R. BEAUHARNAIS is alleged to have defrauded a member of Polo, Mo., by means of worthless checks. He is 35 years, 5 feet 10 inches, has black hair, gray eyes, is smooth shaven, thin face, hollow cheeks, is extremely deaf. This man was seen at Chillicothe, Mo., on December 15th.

WALTER BROWN is wanted by a member of St. John, Kan., on a charge of mortgage swindle. He is 27 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds, florid faced, has prominent front teeth, speaks with English accent.

DAVE CLARK, a former farm hand, is wanted by a member of Aberdeen, S. D., on a charge of defrauding by forgery. Clark is 25 years, 5 feet 4 inches, 140 pounds, of dark complexion, has blue eyes, black hair, medium build; talks with English accent; stands erect and walks with a quick short step.

WILLIAM H. BRONSON is alleged to have defrauded a member of Irwin, Iowa, by means of raised checks. Bronson



WILLIAM H. BRONSON

formerly was a student of the University of Valparaiso, Indiana. On July 15, 1915, he went to Irwin, Iowa, and began soliciting for the R. C. Barnum Book Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The checks he received were later raised in their amounts. He is 20 to 22 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 to 145 pounds, of stocky build, fair complexion, medium light brown hair; is an athlete, fond of boxing; stands erect.

W. E. CLARK. A registered letter addressed to W. E. Clark, and containing a check made payable to his order, was in error delivered by the Joplin, Mo., post-office department to a party of the same name, who indorsed the check and cashed it at a member bank at Kansas City, Mo. The latter mentioned W. E. Clark is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 to 140 pounds, of slender build, fair complexion, has dark eyes and hair, is smooth shaven; has a bony face and irregular teeth; is a street fakir by occupation. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

R. W. CURTIS, alias S. M. Griggs, who represents himself as manager of the Bond & Mortgage Co., 365 Leader-News Building, Cleveland, Ohio, by means of a bogus check, has defrauded a member of Cleveland. Curtis is 42 years, 5 feet 8 to 9 inches, of medium build, brown or dark hair, has brown protruding eyes, ruddy complexion; is smooth shaven and wears glasses.

EDWARD W. DAVIS, an ex-United States Army man, is wanted by a member of Merricourt, N. D., who state that he passed a forged check upon them. The sheriff of Dickey County, N. D., holds a warrant and offers \$50 for his arrest. Davis is 30 to 35 years, 6 feet, 160 pounds, has large light blue eyes, ruddy complexion, light hair; upper front teeth filled with gold; wore a gray pepper and salt suit and a galloway calf fur overcoat; has a long scar on right calf and also on left shin, being the marks of bullet wounds.

SAM H. DAVIS. On April 6, 1915, Reonie, Massey & Son, of Dorothy, W. Va., opened an account with a member of Beckley, W. Va. On August 10th a check was presented on Reonie, Massey & Son, payable to Sam H. Davis, and in the absence of the signature card, the bank paid on the check

and when they again wrote to this concern for the signature card, reply was received that the check cashed was a forgery. The bank was loser.

**CHRIST DINGFELDER** is wanted by a member of Detroit, Mich., on a warrant charging forgery, it being alleged that he stole his brother's passbook, forged his signature, and secured \$450 from the bank. Dingfelder is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds, of medium build, ruddy complexion, has auburn hair, is smooth shaven.

**HOLLY C. DUTTON**, wanted by a member of South Manchester, Conn., on a charge of having cashed a worthless check drawn against the First National Bank, Boston, Mass., was, on December 20th, arrested at Worcester, Mass., by our detective agents and the local police and agreed to return to South Manchester and stand trial. He is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds, heavy build, ruddy complexion, light hair.

**B. O. EKELUND**, who has been acting as station agent for the Great Northern Railway Company at Minneapolis, Minn., and dealing in options in the name of E. H. Davis, recently drew a draft on Lamb, McGregor & Co., grain commissioners of Minneapolis, and cashed it at a local member bank. This draft was turned down by this Company. Ekelund is 30 to 32 years, 5 feet 10 inches, of light complexion, slender build, is smooth shaven; peaked features; upper teeth extend considerably.

**TOM EVANS** is alleged to have cashed a check raised from \$22.75 to \$72.75, at a member of Petersburg, N. D. Evans speaks the Norwegian language and claimed his residence as Grand Forks, N. D. He is 26 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds, has a thin face, sharp pointed nose. Evans may be found in the company of one A. G. Taixe. The North Dakota Bankers Association has reported this matter.



L. A. HOLIDAY

**L. A. HOLIDAY**, whose photograph is above inserted, is wanted by two member banks of Kansas City, Mo., who allege that he tendered and accepted cash on checks drawn against banks in which he held no account. Holiday is a railroad brakeman and was at one time injured in performing his duties. He now walks with a slight limp. He has a scar across the end of his nose and is said to be 31 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds. A warrant is held for his arrest at Kansas City.

**J. C. JENNINGS**. There has been a warrant sworn out for the arrest of J. C. Jennings, known also as Scott Jennings, Will Smith, Eight Mitchell, by a member of Stutt-



J. C. JENNINGS

gart, Ark., who allege that his man defrauded their bank in the cashing of forged checks. He is 30 years, 6 feet, 175 pounds, very light in color. It is believed that Jennings has gone to Memphis, Tenn.

**E. M. KING** is drawing worthless sight drafts on the Hannibal National Bank of Hannibal, Mo. He is 25 years, 160 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches; very curly, red hair.

**F. M. KORFF**, who has used the name Ed. J. Siebert, is wanted by a member of Cleveland, Ohio, on a charge of forgery. He is a traveling paint salesman, working out of New York City, and is 48 to 50 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, stout build, ruddy complexion. A warrant is held for his arrest.

**HENRY KOTLAR** is reported by a member of Greenwich, Conn., as having raised a passbook issued by their bank and defrauding an individual at Nazareth, Pa., through this medium. Kotlar claimed to be employed by a traction company and is 30 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 170 pounds, of dark complexion, has black hair and black mustache.

**EDWARD KUBIK**, or Kunik, or Cubie, is wanted at Olyphant, Pa., on a warrant charging Kubik with obtaining money under false pretenses. A member at Morristown, N. J. reports of this man's attempt to defraud their bank. Kubik is 33 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds, of dark complexion, light brown hair; thumb and first finger of left hand off.

MARTHA LAPONTE, known also as Martha King, is suspected of having swindled a member of New London, Conn., in the cashing of a stolen check bearing a forged endorsement. It is believed that she is now at Burlington, Vt.

CHARLES McLEAN, 45 years of age, recently deposited with a member of Thermopolis, Wyo., a bogus check drawn on the Pullman State Bank, Pullman, Wash., and endeavored to draw against it. After he had secured a check book he proceeded to Broken Bow, Neb., and passed a bogus check drawn against the First National Bank, Thermopolis, Wyo.

NOEL D. MAYS is wanted by a member of San Francisco, Cal., on a charge of forgery. He is 27 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, has blond hair, blue eyes, of light complexion, is smooth shaven.

BILL MILLER is wanted by a member of Valley City, N. D., on a charge of forgery. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, of sandy complexion; has tattoo marks on back of hands, also on wrists, arms, and lobes of ears. The North Dakota Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this matter.

LEOPOLD JOCELYN MONICK, known also as L. Y. Smith, is wanted by a member of Moscow, Idaho, on a charge of forgery. He is an expert piano player, cellist, and plays various musical instruments. He is 25 years, 5 feet 8 to 10 inches, has blue eyes, eyelids considerably inflamed, has medium brown hair, combed back from forehead, of fair complexion; has a prominent nose; thin face; speaks with a decided French accent. JOURNAL-BULLETIN July, 1913, page 37.

TOM J. MOSELEY is wanted by a member of Houston, Tex., who allege that he defrauded their institution in the cashing of two forged checks. Moseley is 30 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 pounds, has brown hair, light eyes, medium complexion; is a neat dresser.

ED. NEWTON has defrauded a member of Granger, Iowa, in the cashing of a raised check. He is 26 to 28 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, has blue eyes. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.

C. F. OVERSTREET is wanted by a member of Roff, Okla., who allege that he defrauded their bank in the perpetration of a mortgage swindle. Overstreet is 6 feet, 150 pounds, of slender build, has dark complexion, dark eyes, and is smooth shaven.

PARIS H. PETERS, on November 5th, called at a member bank of Fulton, Mo., and presented a check to which he had forged the signature of his uncle. He received the cash. Two weeks later when the forgery was discovered, Peters was located and arrested at Charlotte, N. C., and an officer sent after him. Arriving at midnight at Mexico, Mo., December 2d, while waiting to make connections with a train for Fulton, Paris escaped, handcuffed. He is 21 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 135 pounds, of slender build, has dark eyes, hair combed straight back, thin face, sharp thin nose, turned up at end, thick lips, stubby thumbs.

FRED. B. ROBERTS, alias John H. Hosley, alias Harry A. Simpson, alias C. E. Ferguson, who has recently been released from a Reform School where he served a term for forgery and defrauding a Bremerton, Wash., bank, is reported by a bank at Portland, Or., as having secured several blank checks from the County Clerk's Office at Port Orchard, Or., and having forged and passed them on local parties. Roberts



FRED. B. ROBERTS

is 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 175 pounds, has brown eyes, black hair; his left eye is considerably raised.

WILLIAM SCHABEN, who is believed to be traveling under the name of A. R. Williamson, is reported by the Citizens National Bank, Ness City, Kan., as holding Cashier's Check No. 973 to the order of William Schaben, for \$600, dated October 30, 1915, on which they have stopped payment. They request that if check is presented by this man that he be held and the sheriff of Ness County notified. Schaben is 40 years, 175 pounds, of dark complexion; is a farmer and stockman.

C. B. SCHOENFELD. A warrant charging forgery has been sworn out at Harrisburg, Pa., by a local member for the arrest of C. B. Schoenfeld. This man is 40 to 42 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 140 pounds, has dark hair, hazel eyes, a mustache. He wore spectacles and had a noticeable habit of drawing down the upper lip over his teeth while talking.

RALPH STEIN has secured cash on a bogus check from a member of Rosedale, Kan. His check was drawn on the Citizens Savings Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. Stein is 22 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of medium build, medium dark complexion.

CHARLES T. STUART. An incident was recently brought to the attention of our detective agents, which serves to emphasize the fact that it pays to be as careful in relatively small matters as it does in large ones. A check for a small amount, drawn on a member of Hynes, Cal., was cashed by a merchant of Los Angeles, Cal., for a man representing himself to be Charles T. Stuart, who purchased a plow and secured the balance in change. When this check was presented to the member bank on which it was drawn, it was noticed that the signature was irregular, but owing to the fact that the bank's customer sometimes changes his signature and as he had previously issued checks to Charles T. Stuart, the check was accepted by the bank, to be later pronounced a forgery. As is usually the case in matters of this kind, the Association is greatly hampered because of the fact that the merchant who cashed the check is unable to describe the man and state that he could not identify him.

F. J. THOMAS is wanted by a member of Cherry Creek, N. Y., on a warrant charging forgery. Thomas is about 60 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, of light complexion, has light hair, mixed with gray, decayed teeth. He wore a small Masonic pin in his coat.

FLOYD THOMPSON, known also as W. E. Young, is wanted by a member of El Paso, Tex., on a charge of forgery. Thompson is 30 years, 5 feet 10 to 11 inches, 150 pounds, of



FLOYD THOMPSON

medium build, has dark brown eyes, dark hair; is a carpenter by profession. There is tattooed on his forearm a girl's figure.

LUIGI VERDERONE and GEORGE CUAISTI, Italians, are alleged to have defrauded a member at Los Angeles, Cal., in the cashing of forged checks. These checks were cashed more than a year ago but the fact that they are forgeries did not come to light until this advanced date.



FRANK VERGIS

FRANK VERGIS, who has used also the name George Ragois, is wanted by a member of Norfolk, Va., on a charge of forgery. He is 24 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 135 pounds, has

dark hair, dark eyes, of sallow complexion; swings his arms considerably when walking.

EUGENE WESTINGHOUSE has passed a bogus check on a member of Rosedale, Kan. His check was drawn against the Missouri Valley Trust Co., St. Joseph, Mo. He is 25 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds, of medium build, dark complexion.

EDWARD WILLIAMS has passed a forged check at Jacksonville, Fla., through which a local member suffered a loss.

## GENERAL

EDWARD ANDERSON defrauded several hotels of San Francisco, Cal., when they cashed his worthless checks.

J. B. ANDERSON has passed a forged draft at Washington, Ind.

FRANK COLLINS has passed forged checks at Hiawatha, Kan.

MRS. C. T. CRAWFORD. Our detective agents are endeavoring to learn of the present whereabouts of a Mrs. C. T. Crawford, who formerly made her home at Knoxville, Tenn., and is now believed to be with her husband, who is a railroad contractor, at Seattle, Wash. Any information forwarded to our agents in regard to the present location of Mrs. C. T. Crawford will be appreciated.

J. L. DONOVAN. A swindler, who paved the way for cashing forged checks by telephoning an "O. K." to the prospective victims, defrauded several business men of Belleville, Ill., on November 29, 1915. His checks were for \$24 each, drawn on a Belleville member bank, signed Bauer Brothers, A. L. Bauer. The telephone calls purported to be from the superintendent, claiming the checks were for salary.

E. W. DOYLE recently secured possession of a check intended for another party, endorsed it, and secured the cash at a Brooklyn, N. Y., bank.

G. DUNDAS, alias H. K. Howard, has passed two forged travelers' checks, at Philadelphia, Pa., which checks are drawn upon the Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York City. This man has evidently had these checks printed for his own use as they bear no similarity to the bank's genuine checks. He is commonly known as "The Christmas Swindler," and each year about Christmas time he takes advantage of the extra rush of business and rids himself of a number of these checks. He used the name J. A. Paget on this occasion. Merchants were his victims.

J. FARNUM, who has used also the name F. Sullivan, is cashing worthless checks in the east drawn against the Producers National Bank, Woonsocket, R. I.

D. FIELD, an alleged representative of the Pictorial Review Company, of New York City, and of the Mandel Field Stanley Company, of Chicago, is reported by a member of Frederick, S. D., as having defrauded a depositor in the cashing of a bogus check.

N. F. FINK has been arrested at Richmond, Va., on a charge of theft. This man is also accused of defrauding a local hotel in the cashing of a check bearing a forged endorsement.

FLOYD W. FISHER is passing worthless checks throughout Oklahoma, drawn against the Sewickley Valley Trust Co., Sewickley, Pa.

ROBERT HAWKINS, a mulatto, is accused at Fillmore, N. D., as having forged a check.



ROBERT L. HENDERSON, with fully equipped sample case, has been swindling merchants in the neighborhood of Lenoir, N. C. His bogus checks are in amount of \$15 and signed Goodman Brown & Company. He has also operated at Birmingham, Ala.

H. B. HILL is wanted by the police of Rochester, N. Y., on a warrant charging forgery. Hill is 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, has dark hair, is of neat appearance.

W. P. JACKSON, whose true name is Bates, is reported by a Belleville, Tex., member as drawing bogus checks against the Corpus Christi National Bank, Corpus Christi, Tex. Bates states that he is in the stock and broker business at Houston, Tex.

J. J. KELLY, while employed at Atwood, Kan., on a threshing machine, was paid in check which he raised and cashed. He has not been seen since in that vicinity.

GEORGE LERAS, a Greek, who is a depositor of a bank at Kansas City, Mo., through this bank's error secured a sum of money and had to be warned of arrest before he would return same.

FRANK C. LEWIS is reported by a Niles City, Mich., member as having passed forged checks upon hotels at Chicago, Ill.

MISS LILLIAN LIND, who has used also the names Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. L. LaMott, and Mrs. Lillian Hatfield, has passed bogus checks at Boston, Mass., drawn against the Broadway Trust Company, New York, N. Y.

JAMES T. LLOYD is reported by the Liberty Trust Company, Boston, Mass., as operating throughout the South with worthless checks drawn against their bank.

J. A. MATHEWS, alias C. W. Fairchild, was arrested on December 9th, at Shreveport, La., by the local authorities. A supply of blank checks was found in this man's baggage and we have reason to believe that he is a professional bank swindler, although we are unable to connect him up with any one on record.

GEORGE MILLER and BENJAMIN DAVENPORT, have been arrested at Sayre, Pa., on a charge of forgery.

JAMES R. MILLER has forged the name of a depositor of a Princeton, N. J., bank to checks which he tendered at Princeton and Trenton, N. J.

A. G. MITCHELL, who has used also the names George G. Wedd, George W. Wilkinson, Charles Wilhelm, and Wessell, is reported by the Peoples Savings Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., as passing bogus checks drawn upon their bank. This man claims to be the Superintendent of the Monongahela Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

WILLIAM MOORE is drawing bogus checks in amounts less than \$10 against the Industrial Trust Company, Woonsocket, R. I.

VINOR MURDOCK is alleged to have passed bogus checks upon hotels at Miles City, Mont. The checks purported to be issued by the L. S. Starrett Co., tool makers.

JOHN M. NORTON, alias John P. Marton, alias Kornell Komarnicki, alias Glen Harris, was arrested on October 6, 1915, at Youngstown, Ohio, and returned to the Michigan State Prison as a parole violator. Norton has passed numerous forged checks. His alleged wife was also taken into custody.

GEORGE POWELL has been arrested at Palva, Ala., on a charge of forgery.

R. PUCKMAN, who is using also the names Stevens and George W. Shoenbeck, after covering the State of Ohio

with bogus checks drawn on the Second National Bank, Toledo, Ohio, was arrested at Cincinnati, Ohio.

T. READE, representing himself as agent for the Money-weight Scale Company, has passed a bogus check at Harrisonville, Mo.



CHARLES P. ROBINSON

CHARLES P. ROBINSON, a dangerous professional forger and bank swindler, has been arrested at Fort Wayne, Ind. This man is known under the names Thomas McCoy, B. J. Gifford, D. J. Gifford, Perry Hill, Perry Hull, Charles Glen Warne, Charles C. Warner and Luther Warner. See JOURNAL-BULLETIN, September, 1914, page 181.

D. R. RUSSELL is alleged to have passed a bogus bank money order at Huntington, W. Va.

A. E. STEVENS has passed a forged check at Rome, N. Y.

J. C. TALBOTT, alias E. J. Barbour, alias C. S. Davis, etc., has operated at Fries, Va., with a bogus check drawn against a non-existent bank (The Central Trust & Guaranty Co., Canton, Ohio), on the Everett Product Co. He used the name A. D. Grantley on this occasion.

CHARLEY VAUGHN has been sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary on a charge of forgery.

J. H. WALKER is passing worthless checks in the South, drawn against the Missouri Savings Association Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

N. B. WALTERS has cashed forged checks at San Francisco, Cal.

EDWARD WILSON, alias James Hanley, alias Joe Sullivan, is reported by the Penn National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa., as drawing bogus checks against their bank. This man is 35 to 39 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds, ruddy complexion, dark brown hair, smooth shaven. On December 15th, this man was arrested by the Philadelphia police under the name of James Harley.

## ARRESTED

### ARRESTED AS SNEAK THIEVES

Attaches of victimized banks unable to identify three prisoners as men who were in banks at time of thefts

A clique of clever sneak thieves have been actively operating in the east for many months past and have created universal fear in banking circles by their daring.

The identity of these men has been known to our detective agents for some time, but up to the present they did not feel that they had sufficient evidence to convict.



WILLIAM CLARK

On November 30th, three of these men were followed by police officers to four different banks in New York City. It is stated that at the Colonial Bank they attempted to commit a robbery but did not succeed. They then went to the New Netherlands Bank, where they were taken into custody, and are now being held on a charge of attempt to rob the Colonial Bank.

The prisoners are known as William Elliott, alias "Spilly" Evans; Charles Hoffman, alias Charles Letherman, and William Clark, alias William Downey, alias "Duda."

When attaches of the many bank victims appeared at police headquarters to scrutinize the line-up and endeavor to identify any of its number as the men they had seen in their banks at the time of the thefts, not one identification was made.



ROBERT D. JONES

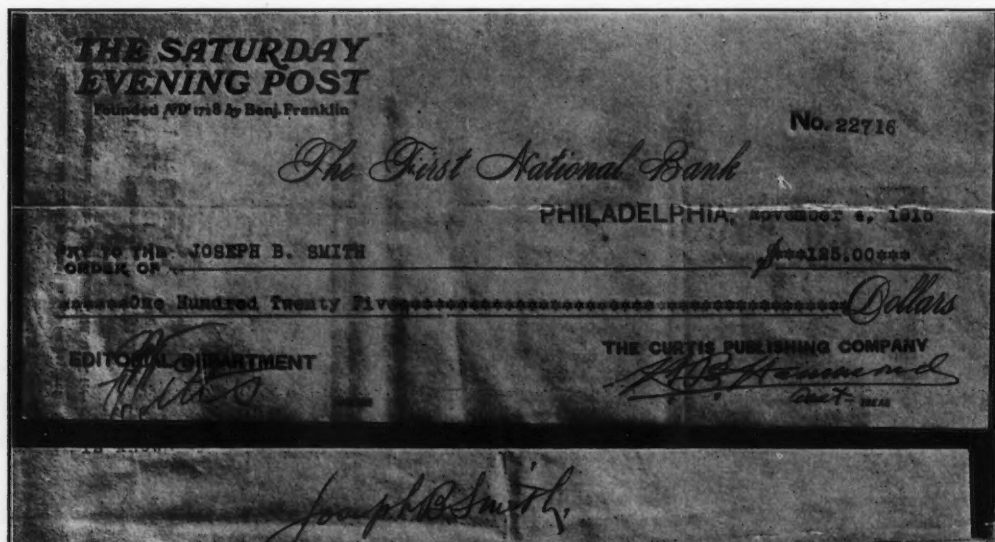
### STORY WRITER IN TOILS

Man whose love of travel and writing prompted him to explore all corners of the earth is arrested as check forger

The world-wide travels of Robert Dorsey Jones have been brought to a sudden end. His stories that so well interpreted the spirit of open land and water may henceforth fail to meet with such public favor, for their author now finds for their setting the stone walls and iron bars of a narrow cell.

Jones is charged with having passed forged checks upon numerous banks. He declares that he first conceived the idea of check swindling some five years ago while he was with the United States Navy stationed at Shanghai, China. He had a supply of letter heads and checks of the Curtis Publishing Co. printed and after passing several checks in China, he returned to this country to continue the swindles.

On May 12, 1915, his operations were first brought to our attention. On that day he came into a bank at San Francisco, Cal., and presented a check similar to the one reproduced and asked that it be cashed. Jones had stated that he was a writer for the Curtis Publishing Company and exhibited a



letter with this Company's heading, which related that they were forwarding this check to Jones in payment of a story he had submitted. Nevertheless, the bank persisted that he must be further identified. So Jones left and a few moments later had entered a local real estate office, approaching the dealer with extended hand and friendly greeting. He told of his experience at the bank and asked his friend, the dealer, if he would not accompany him and identify him at the bank.

When Jones again made his appearance in the banking rooms, the real estate dealer was at his side and prepared to tell the cashier that he had known Jones for twenty years and that he was thoroughly reliable and responsible. He told this in all truth for it was considerable time since he had seen Jones last, and knew nothing of ill-favor to him. His recommendation was acceptable and Jones stuffed \$250 into his pockets. "A friend in need is a friend indeed," he reminded the dealer as they parted. When this check was received at the Philadelphia bank, they immediately wired back that it was a forgery. The San Francisco bank was obliged to stand the loss.

Under the same representations, Jones continued his operations. Before he left that city he had secured another bank victim with a \$250 check. Then he appeared in Detroit, Mich., followed by New York City, N. Y., leaving forged checks and defrauded banks to mark his trail. For a while further trace of him was lost. Ralph D. Jordan, the hero of many of Jones' stories then came into reality at Seattle, Wash., where Jones had jumped to and cashed a check under this alias. On this occasion he declared to his intended victim that he was to investigate reported oil fields for the Standard Oil Company of New York and would do some writing while so engaged in that vicinity.

Jones made a fatal move one day when he permitted himself to be photographed by some friends. This photograph fell into the hands of our detective agents and was reproduced in a warning circular which the California Bankers Association issued. On December 2, 1915, when Jones stepped into the Redding National Bank, Redding, Cal., and endeavored to cash another of his checks, Cashier Bailey recalled this warning circular, compared its photograph with the original, realized that this was the man wanted and had Jones arrested. The prisoner confessed that he had used the names J. D. Buchanan, Bob Dorsey, Jackson, James B. Smith, and Robert D. Jones.

During the course of the investigation, a brother of this man was interviewed, who stated that a love of travel and an unhampered life were born in him. He cast his lot with the United States Army and served two enlistments, then turned to the Navy in which he also served two full periods of time. Leaving the Navy with the love of wandering still unabated, Jones sought out and penetrated both inhabited and uninhabited regions of the globe.

## ARRESTED TWICE ON FORGERY CHARGE

James T. Larkin, who in year 1910 jumped from a moving train to escape return to Texas, is again arrested

Fearing the punishment of a prison sentence, James T. Larkin, at one time a responsible real estate man of Texas, has for five years made every endeavor to evade the hands of pursuing authorities. The chase ended, at last, on December 5, 1915, at Jefferson City, Mo.

In September, 1910, Larkin presented a certified check to a bank at Texline, Tex., explaining that he had heard of some cheap land in Cimarron County, Okla., and that he was going to look it over. He needed the money on this check to tie up any trades he would make. Inasmuch as Larkin was

known to the bank as a reliable real estate dealer, they readily cashed the check, which was later returned with the notification that the check was bogus and the certification a forgery.

The authorities started out after Larkin and traced him to Kansas City, Mo., where in the same month they took him into custody. Larkin expressed a desire to be returned to Texas immediately. The Sheriff boarded a train with him and the return trip to Texas was begun.



JAMES T. LARKIN

Larkin's willing manner took the Sheriff entirely off his guard and at an opportune moment, Larkin raised himself upon the sill of the train's window and with the train still in motion, jumped for liberty. The train continued on with the Sheriff standing helplessly on its rear platform.

For four years since this date a search for the escaped man was constantly under way, until on December 5th, Jefferson City, Mo., announced that he was safely in their hands. Larkin will be returned to Texas, but the Sheriff accompanying him will be well informed of the reckless nature that prompts Larkin's actions, and accordingly be prepared. Larkin is known also as J. M. Lindsay, Arthur Holbrook, Frank Bernard, and F. Walton Anderson. JOURNAL-BULLETIN, October, 1910, page 209; September, 1910, page 162.



LIGE HIGGINS

## PRISONER TELLS OF ACCOMPLICES

Identity of two men implicated in Chautauqua, Kan., bank hold up is made known

DR. R. C. WILES, veterinarian, who was arrested on November 17, 1915, at Wichita, Kan., as having been implicated in the hold up of the Chautauqua State Bank, Chautauqua, Kan., has "told on his pals."

"Three men were in on the job, Lige Higgins, Joe Kitterman, and myself," declares Wiles. "About the fifth of November we drove in our car through Kansas to Stroud, Okla., where Higgins had planned to hold up the First

National Bank of Stroud, the bank which Henry Starr had held up some time ago. Higgins wanted to prove to Henry Starr and to the people of Oklahoma that he was the greatest

sixty-day sentence in the local jail. "We arrested them on suspicion, but believe they are good check workers," the police advised our detective agents. The two prisoners



JOE KITTERMAN

of bank robbers. On turning the main street in Stroud the steering rod of our auto broke and we crashed into a telegraph pole. This entirely upset the plans and Kitterman and Higgins took to the brush, while I remained and had the car overhauled. We met again, when Ackerman suggested holding up the bank at Copan, and Higgins suggested the bank at Chautauqua. Finally they agreed on the latter and we turned our car for that place. Higgins remained a few blocks from the bank with his rifle, to 'pick off' any of the citizens that would offer resistance, while Kitterman and I went into the bank. I held up the cashier and Kitterman walked behind the railing and gathered in all the money he could lay his hands upon. We then made our getaway."

Joe Kitterman, alias Charles Lewis, and Lige Higgins, alias Frank Williams, were arrested on December 10, 1915, in Pueblo, Colo., charged with murdering a special officer of the Santa Fe Railroad. It will be quite some time before they are brought to answer for the hold-up charge. The men are notorious bank robbers and honorary members of the Henry Starr outlaw gang. Kitterman is 26 years, 5 feet 7¼ inches, 150 pounds, medium build, dark brown hair, has blue eyes, of medium complexion. Higgins is 43 years, 5 feet 9¼ inches, 165 pounds, of good build, light brown hair, blue eyes, and sandy complexion.



WALTER J. RUTHER

### SALESMEN'S SWINDLING TRAVELS ENDED

Two young men arrested on suspicion are identified as check swindlers

The swindling careers of Walter J. Ruther and Edward Morrisseau were brought to an abrupt end on November 17th, at Denver, Colo., when they were sentenced to serve a



EDWARD MORRISSEAU

were later identified by our agents as alleged traveling salesmen who had operated with bogus checks against banks in the States of Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming. They would open a savings account with a deposit of \$1 in cash and eventually deposit a bogus check in large amount which they would draw against. They represented themselves as traveling salesmen and carried baggage containing samples of talcum powder, table cloths, napkins, auto oils, etc. Ruther is known as William J. Novy, William Crawford, Bobby Crawford, Nicholas Carlson, W. J. Paddock, Charles O. Owens, and Irving. His accomplice, Edward Morrisseau has used the names James Munreau, Ed. Barker, and Edward Lyons. Ruther is 29 years, 5 feet 5¾ inches, 119 pounds, of slender build and fair complexion, has blonde hair and gray eyes. He is a musician and claims Bohemia as his birth place. Bertillon Measurements: 66.5 71.0 90.0 19.8 16.0 13.6 6.1 25.5 11.1 8.7 45.0. Finger Prints: 1/1 Uu/Uu OI/IO—6. Morrisseau is 23 years, 5 feet 6¼ inches, 123 pounds, of slender build and dark complexion, has dark brown hair, and dark brown eyes. He is a clerk by past occupation, and claims Chicago, Ill., as his birth place. Bertillon Measurements: 67.8 68.0 92.4 17.4 14.9 14.2 6.8 25.8 10.9 8.7 43.7. Finger Prints: 1/1 Aa/Ru—3.

P. W. BEAN, whose photograph, description, and specimen of handwriting, are shown on page 86 of the December, 1915, Supplement, was arrested at San Francisco, Cal., on December 11, 1915. This man has swindled numerous banks in the cashing of forged cashiers' checks. He has used the names D. C. Young, George E. Dunn, W. L. Delano, W. S. Wills, E. S. Wills, M. G. McDuffin, etc.

W. HARVEY BLOOM recently defrauded a member of Cleveland, Ohio, by means of worthless checks. During December he was arrested at Cleveland.

A. A. BOURG, who is known also as E. Hiller and George Long, on November 26, 1915, was arrested at New Orleans, La., by our detective agents and the local police, charged by a New Orleans member as having committed forgery.





ORA C. CARPENTER

ORA C. CARPENTER, an ex-railroad fireman, on November 9, 1915, was arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, on a charge of cashing a stolen and forged railroad pay check, through which a local member suffered a loss.

CARL DENNIS, who it is alleged, put to loss a member of Tillamook, Ore., in the forging and cashing of a draft, on November 26, 1915, was arrested at Paola, Mont., by our detective agents and the sheriff of Kalispell, Mont., and held pending his return to Tillamook.

STEVE FORD, known also as Steve Wells, was arrested at a lumber camp near Kelliher, Minn., on December 16th, by our detective agents and the marshal of Kelliher, and has been returned to Grafton, Walsh County, N. D., to be tried on a Lankin, N. D. member's charge of forgery. Ford, who is an Englishman, is 45 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 175 pounds, has blue eyes, dark hair and reddish complexion; is usually smooth shaven.

SANDY GRAY, negro, of 22 years, has been arrested at Rutherfordton, N. C., on a charge of forgery. It is alleged that Gray defrauded a member of Forest City, N. C. He has been placed under bond and his case will not come up for trial until May, 1916.



R. A. HENRY

R. A. HENRY defrauded a member at Portland, Ore., by means of a forged check. Henry had been a depositor of the bank for several months previous and was known to have been an employee of a contracting firm located at Tillamook, Ore. On October 4th he appeared at the bank and deposited to his credit a check for a large sum, to which he had forged the name of the above firm, and immediately thereafter commenced checking against his account. It was not until October 15th that Henry was heard from at Woodland, Wash., from which city he telephoned to one of the bank officials and informed them that he was willing to surrender. A representative of the Portland office of our detective agents

went to Woodland, Wash., and returned Henry to Portland, and turned him over to the sheriff. The Oregon Bankers' Association is co-operating with this Association in the prosecution of this case.

J. W. KINKADE, wanted by a member of Orange, Cal., on a charge of forgery, was arrested at Perris, Cal., on November 20th, by our agents and the local authorities. Supplement, December, 1915, page 88.

P. J. KRAMER, wanted by a member of Berkeley, Cal., on a charge of swindling, surrendered to the police of Berkeley, on November 9th. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this case. JOURNAL Supplement, October, 1915, page 57.

JOHN H. LEECH, wanted by a member of Denver, Colo., on a charge of forgery, was on October 20th, arrested at Chicago, Ill., and returned to Memphis, Tenn.

ARTHUR McALISTER, who worked as a harvest hand near Plains, Kan., recently swindled a member of Plains with a forged check in sum of \$100. Our detective agents after four days of investigating, located this man at Aeres, Kan., secured the \$100 for the bank, and a confession from McAlister in which he completely set forth his guilt.

KENNEDY PERKINS, a negro, who defrauded a member at Canton, Miss., by forgery, was arrested on November 26th, at St. Louis, Mo., by our detective agents and the local police. Perkins admitted his guilt and agreed to return to Canton without extradition papers. He is 25 to 27 years, 165 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches, of medium build, black hair, is smooth shaven, has dark eyes, a broad nose, walks erect.



R. H. MILLER

R. H. MILLER during August, 1915, succeeded in defrauding a member of Asheville, N. C., in the cashing of two bogus checks to which he had forged the indorsement of a responsible local party. An investigation was made by our detective agents and on November 24th, at Fort Wayne, Ind., with the assistance of the local police, they succeeded in bringing about Miller's arrest. He confessed to defrauding this bank and told also that he had passed a bogus check at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Ky. He has been returned to Asheville. This man is known also as Raymond Henry Miller, and Dr. Ray Miller.

JAMES REID, charged by a member of Dawson, N. Mex., with forgery, was on November 28th, arrested by our detective agents at Chicago, Ill., and was returned to Dawson.



MRS. S. D. SANDERS

MRS. S. D. SANDERS. A member of Baker, Ore., on December 1, 1915, advised our detective agents that they have a customer, located at Whitney, Ore., who often required that currency be delivered to a woman, known as his wife, who would call at the bank and present a check for same properly signed. This woman in due time became known at the bank, and when on November 26th, she made her appearance and, without the usual check, stated that her husband had requested the bank to turn \$500 over to her, the bank considered it sufficient to take her receipt for this amount of money. The money was not delivered to the depositor, who claimed that she had no authority to obtain same against his account. The bank was obliged to stand the loss. The alleged Mrs. S. D. Sanders left Portland in company of a man named J. W. Heidberg, who it is understood, she married on November 24th. Our detective agents traced this woman to Great Falls, Mont., where on December 6th, with the assistance of a local deputy sheriff, she was placed under arrest. The Oregon Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the prosecution of this case.

LEONARD SHUBEY, alias Thomas Whitney, negro, on December 9th, was arrested in New York City on a charge of forgery committed against a member at Montclair, N. J. He has been arrested on several occasions in the past and is 24 years, 5 feet 5½ inches, 138 pounds, slender build, black hair; clerk by occupation.

W. A. SOUCY and his brother, JOSEPH EDWARD SOUCY, two clever bank swindlers who have operated throughout the country with forged checks, have been arrested. Their mode of operation was to present a check to a bank with the statement that they desired to make an option on local lands which they intended to buy and needed cash to cover same. As identification they displayed telegrams and letters addressed to themselves. They met with marked success in these operations. On December 18th, at Kankakee, Ill., the arrest of W. A. Soucy, alias Thomas Saxe, was

accomplished. On December 19th, at Minneapolis, Minn., Joseph Edward Soucy, alias O. M. Brooks, alias K. L. Armstrong, was arrested by our detective agents and the local police. The Oregon, Cal., and Iowa Bankers Associations co-operated with this Association in the endeavors to bring these men to justice.

JOHN T. STEARN, a paper box salesman and an alleged representative of F. M. Howell & Co., Art Printers, Elmira, N. Y., swindled a member of Princeton, W. Va., in the cashing of a check bearing the forged signature of the Cooper Paper Box Co. He has passed forged checks also at Bristol, Va., Cumberland, Md., Bluefield, Va., Parkersburg, W. Va., and Martinsburg, W. Va. This man was traced to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he was arrested and returned to Princeton, W. Va. His true name is John T. Stephens and has used also the name John F. Stewart. He is 26 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 pounds, black hair, thin on top of head, has black eyes.

MRS. MADELINE TERRY, who during November defrauded a member of Houston, Tex., in the cashing of five forged checks, on December 13th, was arrested by our detective agents at Houston. This woman is known also as Mae Biggs and Mrs. A. Bondell. She is 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 118 to 125 pounds, has black hair mixed with gray, is of slender build, has black eyes and dark complexion.

F. WILT, known also as F. Bell, was recently arrested at El Paso, Tex., and returned to Duncan, Okla., on a warrant charging forgery, and sworn to by a member at Duncan.

## CONVICTED

W. HARVEY BLOOM, worthless checks, December 9, 1915, 90 days, Warrensville, Ohio, Workhouse.

W. W. COLLAR, mortgage swindle, fined; court deemed time spent in county jail sufficient punishment.

C. C. CURRY, alias "Big Boy," hold up, 7½ years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Sentence reduced from 10 years as a result of wife's plea.

CARL DENNIS, forgery, December 9th, 1 to 20 years.

EUGENE DUFEE, worthless check, September 18, 1915, 90 days, County Jail, Denver, Colo.

R. A. HENRY, forgeries, 1 to 5 years, Oregon State Penitentiary.

WILLIAM LAWRIE, forged checks, two years, Missouri, Reform School, Boonville, Mo.

JOHN H. LEECH, forgery, arrest reported elsewhere in this issue, October 20, 1915, 1 year and 1 day on each of two charges, Atlanta, Ga., prison.

L. V. MCINTIRE, forgery, November 29, 1915, 5 years suspended sentence.

WILLIAM MAY, forgery, December 2d, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

FRANK MORRIS, attempted burglary, 5 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

GUS PAINE, forgery, convicted but later pardoned.

GEORGE H. PATTERSON, alias Patrick Dyer, forgeries, 1 to 14 years, Boise, Idaho, Penitentiary.

E. D. RITTER, alias Charles Rigdon, forgery, 2 to 20 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.

CHARLES W. SHARP, with numerous aliases, forgery, returned to Walla Walla, Wash., Penitentiary.

PLUMA SHOCKEY, forgery, May 8, 1915, minimum sentence, 1 year, maximum sentence, 10 years.

JAMES T. SMITH, swindle, 6 months, Purcell, Okla., jail.

JAMES SPESS, hold up, life imprisonment.

GEORGE WARING, forgery, 5 years, Missouri State Reformatory.

WALTER WEBB, alias Ralph Thompson, raised check, 1 to 20 years, Washington State Reformatory.

## RELEASED

W. C. BLOUNT, forgery, released.

W. A. COLEMAN, worthless check, acquitted; insufficient evidence to convict.

ALLEN MARTIN, colored, attempted forgery, released; lack of prosecution.

H. S. ROSE, forgeries, released; not party who committed offenses.

MRS. IRVIN L. RUTMAN, known also as Mary Kelly, and Bessie Walker, December 2, 1915, released on swindling charge; United States Federal Grand Jury failed to indict her.

DELLA WHITE, known also as Mrs. Laura Spencer, and L. C. Hall, Laura Reynolds, alleged forgery, case dropped; lack of prosecution.

## DIED

WINFIELD SCOTT, alleged robbery, died in jail at Wayne, Neb., while awaiting trial.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS.

Anderson, George Arthur, forgeries, Guilford, Me.  
Andrews, Bob, swindle, Ramseur, N. C.  
Aziz, Mohammed Abdul, forgeries, New Orleans, La.  
Badik, Joseph, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Bean, P. W., forgery, McAlester, Okla.  
Bender, Carl, swindle, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Biggins, James, forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
Blummer, William B., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Bourg, A. A., forgery, New Orleans, La.  
Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
Burke, William, swindle, Des Moines, Ia.  
Burnett, James, forgery, Tampa, Fla.  
Burwell, Clyde C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
Carpenter, Ora, Co., forgery, Des Moines, Ia.  
Cole, A. C., swindle, Houston, Tex.  
Connolly, James H., forgery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Dalrymple, Charles J., forgery, Central Square, N. Y.  
Davis, W. P., swindle, Riverside, Cal.  
Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Donner, Henry, forgery, Bayonne, N. J.  
Dwyer, Perry Tyson, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
Englehart, Ed., forgery, Lewistown, Mont.  
Felter, Benjamin, swindle, New Rochelle, N. Y.  
Field, Waddell, suspicion, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Flannigan, Larkin Johnson, forgery, Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
Ford, Steve, forgery, Lankin, N. D.  
Fuller, Winfred A., swindle, Haverhill, Mass.  
Garrard, Roy, forgery, Stuttgart, Mo.  
Gest, John Buford, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
Geyer, Henry, Mount Vernon, Ia.  
Gibson, Ralph, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gould, C., swindle, Chester, Pa.  
Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
Halbert, C. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
Hall, Bert, forgery, Odell, Neb.  
Harrison, Guy, forgery, Tampa, Fla.  
Hess, G. F., swindle, Woodriver, Neb.  
Hess, Henry O., swindle, Alliance, O.  
Hoover, Corrie, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
Hunter, Randall W., swindle, Chicago, Ill.  
Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
Jones, Robert D., forgeries, Redding, Cal.  
Keltner, Tom, forgery, Fayetteville, Tenn.  
Kinkade, J. W., forgery, Orange, Cal.  
Kramer, P. J., swindle, Berkeley, Cal.  
Larkin, James T., forgery, Texline, Tex.  
Lederman, L., swindle, Sparta, Ill.  
Lee, George W., forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
Leonard, Jim A., swindle, Lewellen, Neb.  
McAlister, Arthur, forgery, Plains, Kan.  
McCarroll, Mrs. Maude, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
McCarroll, Mrs. Pauline, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
Mann, Edward, swindle, Carlisle, Ark.  
Martin, Dennis A., forgery, New York City.  
Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
Miller, R. H., swindle, Asheville, N. C.  
Moran, William, forgery, Utica, N. Y.  
Morriseau, Edward, swindle, St. Louis, Mo.  
Nay, Cleve, forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.  
Neinast, Earnest F., forgery, Phillipsburg, Kan.  
Olmsted, P. W., forgery, Garden City, Kan.  
Parsons, Kenneth O., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
Patterson, Harry N., forgery, Ellwood City, Pa.  
Perkins, Kennedy, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
Powell, Frank, forgery, Cleburne, Tex.  
Reade, E. A., swindle, Primrose, Neb.  
Reid, James, forgery, Dawson, N. Mex.  
Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Ruther, Walter J., swindle, St. Louis, Mo.  
Sanders, Mrs. S. D., swindle, Baker, Ore.  
Shubey, forgery, Montclair, N. J.  
Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
Smith, Armour, forgery, Paducah, Ky.  
Smith, C. J., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
Smith, D. K., swindle, Kankakee, Ill.  
Smith, Frank, swindle, Wichita, Kan.  
Soucy, Joseph Edward, swindle, Duluth, Minn.  
Soucy, W. A., swindle, Kankakee, Ill.  
Stearn, John T., forgery, Princeton, W. Va.  
Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Stokes, William, forgery, Sparta, Ill.  
Terry, James, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
Terry, Mrs. Madeline, forgeries, Houston, Tex.  
Troiana, Alfred, swindle, El Paso, Tex.  
Van Uffel, Harry F., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Walton, Joseph, swindle, Donora, Pa.  
Williamson, Oscar, swindle, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Wilson, Frederick A., forgery, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Wilt, F., forgery, Duncan, Okla.

**BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS**

Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Clark, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Cooper, C. W., hold up, Amity, Ark.  
 Elliott, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Goodman, John, alleged burglary, Greenwood, Ark.  
 Hembree, Fred, burglary, Andale, Kan.  
 Higgins, Lige, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 Hoffman, Charles, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Johnson, Charles H., hold up, Stroud, Okla.  
 King, Alex., burglary, Lincoln, Ala.  
 Kitterman, Joe, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 McHugh, Pa., alleged burglary, Greenwood, Ark.  
 Phillips, P. C., robbery, Long Pine, Neb.  
 Powells, John, burglary, Lincoln, Ala.  
 Wiles, Dr. C. R., hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.

**STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT**

	Awaiting Trial, August 1, 1915	Arrested since August 1, 1915.	Arrests in December, 1915.	Total.	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Escaped, Insane, Fugitive or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	88	124	29	153	102	40	6	93
Burglars.....	10	3	..	3	6	2	1	4
Hold-up Robbers.....	10	6	2	8	10	..	..	8
Sneak Thieves..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	3
	108	133	34	167	118	42	7	108

**LOST OR STOLEN**

Time Certificate of Deposit No. 245 for \$1,800 dated November 13, 1915, issued by the Bank of Neck City, Neck, Mo.

Time Certificate of Deposit No. 1473 for \$700 dated June 12, 1915, issued to Isaac Lenz by the Bank of Flat River, Mo., for a period of 6 months.

The Bankers Trust Company, New York, N. Y., report that the following drafts, issued to James Wilcox Drake, have been either lost or stolen: Nos. 14903 to 6, inclusive, for \$100 each; Nos. 14907 and 8 for \$50 each. Payment on these checks has been stopped.

**TO ALL BANKERS!**

Be on the lookout for the following NEW United States Silver Certificates! Ninety-nine of them were stolen from the mails on the night of December 22, 1915: Numbers 35392401 to 35392499 (\$5). If presented please note the source and notify F. J. G. Pulsipher, Post Office Inspector, Jacksonville, Fla.

**LAFAYETTE FUND MISREPRESENTED**

Two men employed as advertising solicitors realize opportunity to get rich quick

To help relieve the needs of the soldiers fighting for France, the Lafayette Fund of New York established headquarters in New York City and began the work of soliciting subscriptions. Francis George Burke Roche, treasurer, proceeded to employ C. J. Smith and Kenneth O. Parsons to secure advertisements for a program.

On November 30th, a Wall Street financier was called to the phone. "This is Mr. Francis George Burke Roche, treasurer of the Lafayette Fund; will you subscribe to the cause?" came from the other end. The financier expressed a willingness to assist, whereupon he was advised that a representative would immediately call upon him. The representative appeared and took possession of a \$100 check made payable to Francis Roche, treasurer.

Several days later this financier telephoned to the home of Mr. Roche, and was advised that the latter was not in town, nor had he been for a week past. His suspicions aroused, the financier stopped payment on the check he had given the alleged representative of Mr. Roche.

On November 23d, a man giving his name as Francis J. Roche, opened an account at a New York City member bank by depositing several checks, on one of which payment was later stopped. This bank called in our detective agents and an investigation developed the fact that the two men employed by the Lafayette Fund, realizing an opportunity to get rich quick, had taken it upon themselves to solicit subscriptions in this Fund's name, and opened this account with the checks received. The men had drawn a considerable amount against the checks and the bank was obliged to stand that loss.

On December 7th our Detective Agents and the New York City Police arrested C. J. Smith and Kenneth O. Parsons, who confessed to the misrepresentations and securing of the checks.

**PURCHASED HORSES FOR ITALIAN ARMY**

Claiming to represent the Italian Ambassador at Washington, Alfred de Angeles secures cash on bogus check

When Alfred Troiana, whose true name is believed to be Alfredo de Angeles, called upon an El Paso, Tex., bank and explained that he was in town for the purpose of buying horses for the Italian Army, the bank did not question his assertion in the least, merely asking how they might serve him. Encouraged, de Angeles extended two checks over their counter. While they were under inspection, he thought it well to state that he was a representative of the Italian Ambassador at Washington. The bank was impressed and turned three hundred dollars over to this individual on the checks which were drawn against an unexisting bank at Ensenada, Mexico.

Through the efforts of the United States government authorities, and the local police, this man was arrested at Bryan, Tex., on a charge of white slavery. He was returned to El Paso. His description is given as 155 pounds in weight, 5 feet 8 inches in height; ring finger of right hand is crippled.





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## SECTION TWO

## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

### OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM.—Brown-Marx Building.  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Noy Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE.—Special Representative, C. E. Sears,  
% Hotel Albert.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—Transportation Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Whitney Central Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.  
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.  
MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL.—New York Life Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Midland Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exch. Building.  
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—White Building.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY.—Woolworth Building.

OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.  
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yoon Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.  
RHODE ISLAND, PROVIDENCE.—Providence Journal Building.  
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Beatty Building.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.  
**FOREIGN OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS  
INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.**  
CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
ENGLAND, LONDON, W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St.  
**CORRESPONDENT OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS  
INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.**  
IOWA, DES MOINES.—The Gus J. Patek Detective Agency,  
515 Mulberry Street.

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## ***RULES OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE***

1. Upon receipt of notification by the General Secretary, Five Nassau Street, New York City, or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check-raising, worthless or bogus checks, swindle, sneak theft, robbery, hold up or burglary therein, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminal. No action, however, will be taken unless immediate notice is given, and **a case once committed to the Association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offence condoned or compromised.** If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, such member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined; or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted. The committee relentlessly pursues both amateur and professional criminals in cases of attempted or successful fraud or crime upon members of the Association but cannot take cognizance of such offenses where perpetrated upon other than members, or of so-called "inside jobs" where the offender is an officer or employee of a member. The committee relies upon the state, county or local authorities to arrange for the extradition and the payment of expense incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work which has not been previously authorized.

# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

L. W. GAMMON, MANAGER  
Five Nassau Street, New York

## JANUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### DEPOSITS FORGED CHECK

Lost or stolen check is deposited in Kansas City bank and successfully drawn against

On December 31, 1915, one Kingston Alden Beach called at a Kansas City, Mo., bank and opened an account by depositing a check made payable to Mr. T. O. Henry, Manager of the World Film Corporation. This check was issued by the Western Union Telegraph Co. and represented money which had been wired to the World Film Corporation from New York to Mr. Henry. The check purported to bear the en-



KINGSTON ALDEN BEACH

dorsement of Mr. Henry. Beach stated that he was in the film business. A few days after making the deposit he again came into the bank and drew out \$350 on his own check, having been furnished with check and bank book. This bank then learned through the World Film Corporation that the check which Beach had deposited and drawn against had been stolen from Mr. Henry and that he had not endorsed it. The bank has lost \$350. Beach is 27 to 30 years, 5 feet 7½ inches, 130 pounds, of medium complexion, has blue eyes, dark brown hair, and a peaked face.

### RAISES \$1 CHECK TO \$350

\$350 diamond ring about to be mailed to Henry A. Daniels is held up when his check's irregularity is made known

On December 11th a Chicago jeweler received a letter signed "Henry S. Daniels," in which the writer asked to know how much they would charge to make a gent's ring, "Baker Solitaire" style mounting, set with a cluster of seven one-quarter diamonds, in the \$295 grade, set in platinum. The letter also stated that if it could be made for \$350 or less, that the jeweler should proceed on it. A reply was mailed to Daniels that the ring would cost an even \$350.

On December 15th Henry S. Daniels opened an account with a bank at Fort Wayne, Ind., by depositing \$5 in cash. Shortly thereafter he requested the bank to certify his check for \$1, which request was granted.

On December 20th the jeweler received a letter from Daniels, in which was enclosed a certified check for \$350, with instructions to forward the ring to Huntington, Ind. The jeweler deposited this check in his bank and it was sent on to the institution at Fort Wayne, which upon its receipt, immediately telephoned the jeweler's bank that the check had been raised from \$1. The jeweler was notified and succeeded, only by a few moments' time, in intercepting the despatch of the ring to Daniels.

### PRIESTS APPROACHED BY SWINDLER

Alleged doctor gains confidence of Catholic priests and induces them to accompany him to banks

A member of Scranton, Pa., tells of an unprofitable experience with one Dr. Oskar Kiefer, who came into their bank, accompanied by one of the local Catholic priests, and after the Father had made the introduction, the bank advanced the alleged doctor \$100 on his check which was returned to them a short time later bearing the notation "no account."

Our detective agents interviewed the priest who made the introduction, and it was learned that Kiefer entered the Parish House and stated to him that he had come from Ottawa, Can.; that he intended to settle at Scranton; that he was married, and had three children whom he intended to send to the Church school. He showed the Father a card which was signed "Hugo Kiefer," that stated Hugo Kiefer was mailing Dr. Oskar Kiefer a \$500 check. The Father was induced to accompany Kiefer to the bank.

Our agents have identified Kiefer as Dr. F. W. Ferree, alias Dr. Otto Van Steft, alias Dr. Otto Kramer, alias Otto Foster, alias Dr. Oscar Winters, who had operated in this same manner at McKees Rocks, Pa., Texarkana, Ark., St. Louis, Mo., Quincy, Ill., San Diego and San Francisco, Cal. He is 40 to 42 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds, has dark hair, and a dark mustache.

## RAILROAD MAN IS FORGER

Presents payroll check of Salmen Brick and Lumber Co. to Southern bank. Check is returned as forgery

On December 27th a man giving his name as C. B. Horton, registered at a hotel in Birmingham, Ala., and proceeded to become acquainted with several of the guests. He declared that he was a locomotive engineer and was at that time in search of work. He had in his possession a check which he claimed to have received as his last month's salary, and shortly after he had registered, he asked one of the guests to identify him at the bank. This guest accompanied Horton and upon arriving at the bank, the latter presented a payroll check of the Salmen Brick & Lumber Co., New Orleans, La., which was later returned to the bank marked "forgery." The bank had cashed the check and was obliged to stand the loss. Horton is 32 to 34 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds, of slender build, has brown eyes, dark hair, one upper front tooth is gold, is an incessant cigarette smoker, has the appearance of a railroad man. He has used also the name of C. N. Norton.

## LAND OWNER SWINDLES BANK

Deposits forged checks in Polo bank and successfully draws against them

A bank at Polo, Mo., advises that one Dr. D. de R. Beauharnais, who had been at Polo at various times since March 1, 1915, made a fraudulent deposit with their bank, and through a process of well-worked-up confidence, drew cash. He was known to be the owner of real estate in Oklahoma and Louisville, Okla., on the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and a cashier's check in amount of \$87.40, drawn on the American State Bank of Rosedale; also a cashier's check for \$52.40 drawn on the American Trust Co., Byars, Okla. The Polo bank received telegrams on the draft and Rosedale cashier's check, stating that they were forgeries. This man is known also as D. D. Romaine and John Duquisne. He is 35 years, 5 feet 10 inches, has black hair, gray eyes, thin face, hollow cheeks, is extremely deaf.

## INTRODUCED AT BANK

Resident of Holdenville is approached by stranger and is "talked into" introducing him at local bank

J. W. MALLORY during late December appeared at Holdenville, Okla., and approached one of its residents under the guise of a former acquaintance. Mallory talked of old times, and soon had this resident believing that Mallory and himself must have been acquainted at some date in the past. Late on this same day the two men entered a local bank. "This is Mr. J. W. Mallory, an old friend of mine," spoke up the resident. Mallory wrote out a draft on the Bank of Grady, Grady, Ark., in the sum of \$1,640. The bank reminded him that it would be two or three days before the returns on the draft would be received; which statement was agreed to by Mallory. "However, we will be glad to advance you some cash, if you need it," declared the bank. Mallory

suddenly realized that he could use some ready cash, and thanked the bank for the amount extended to him. The Bank of Grady and J. W. Mallory are total strangers. A warrant is held at Holdenville for the latter's arrest. He is about 45 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 170 pounds, has sandy hair, florid complexion, broad shoulders, general appearance of a farmer.

## CASHES BOGUS DRAFT

O. L. Huffman approaches Jennings, La., bank and claims to have \$400 on deposit at Waynesboro, Miss.

A member at Jennings, La., reports a swindle perpetrated by one O. L. Huffman, who temporarily resided at Jennings, by representing himself as the possessor of a \$400 account at the Merchants & Planters Bank, Waynesboro, Miss. The Jennings bank cashed his draft for \$150, which was returned marked "no account." Huffman wrote the bank that he would settle this matter but has failed to keep his promise. Since defrauding this bank, he has scattered numerous bogus checks drawn against his victim. Huffman is 50 years, tall and of heavy build, has gray hair, is smooth shaven, and wore spectacles.

## PLANNED TO RENT NEWSPAPER

Stranger creates confidence at Cando, N. D., and secures cash on bogus check

In response to an advertisement, G. W. Jackson, of the Tribune Publishing Co., arrived at Cando, N. D., during December and proceeded to put negotiations under way whereby he was to rent the *Cando Record*, a newspaper published at this place. Jackson was pressed for cash to close the deal, so approached two local banks and presented checks drawn against the Bank of Ipswich, Ipswich, S. D. The word of Jackson's transaction had reached the banks before him, and when he arrived in person at the banking rooms, the bankers were ready and willing to extend the favor of cashing the checks he tendered. He then boarded the next train out of Cando. The bank at Ipswich pronounced his checks as bogus. Jackson is 25 to 27 years of age. His wife accompanied him to and from Cando.

## GLIDDEN VARNISH CO. NAMED

Alleged representative is introduced at Pullman bank and cashes forged checks

Pullman, Wash., during early December was visited by one George Doarn, who when he stated his intention to purchase a home and settle down, was speedily taken in hand by an ambitious real-estate dealer. Doarn complained, however, of his need of cash to cover the deal, and at the same time brought to the gaze of the dealer, a check which he claimed the local bank would not cash without his being identified. The real-estate man became master of the situation. A few moments later he had entered the bank and introduced Doarn to the teller; \$200 in cash passed into Doarn's hands, on the check that purported to be signed by his alleged employers, the Glidden Varnish Co. The next train out of Pullman listed Doarn among its passengers. His check was a forgery,



and he is unknown to the Glidden Varnish Co. This man has also operated at Thatcher, Utah, under the name George Howet. He is 45 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 180 pounds, of medium stout build, is smooth shaven.

### DRAWS DRAFT ON LUXEM CO.

Former employee of Pittsburgh concern secures cash on worthless draft at St. Louis bank

D. H. BOOTH, on December 24th, called at a St. Louis, Mo., bank and presented a draft drawn on the Luxem Co., Advertising Specialties, Pittsburgh, Pa. Booth was known to the officials of this bank as an employee of the Luxem Co. and readily tendered him the cash that the draft called for. Shortly thereafter, this bank was notified by the Luxem Co. that Booth had long since been out of their employ. Booth is 35 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds, of dark complexion, has black hair, has a black spot on forehead over left eye. He is smooth shaven.

### REPRESENTS STARCH CONCERN

Draws draft on Corn Exchange Bank, Chicago, which is returned as bogus

Claiming to be a representative of a concern that was about to erect a local starch factory, one John Koenigswarter recently requested a bank at Mandan, N. D., to cash his check. He further remarked that he was acquainted with the Catholic priest of the town, whereupon the bank asked that he have the priest endorse the check. The endorsement was secured, and the bank drew a draft on the Corn Exchange Bank, Chicago, Ill., which was returned, marked, "no account." Koenigswarter is 40 to 45 years, about 6 feet high; speaks with a German accent.

### BANKER CONVICTS FORGERS

Vigorous prosecution by president of Cape Girardeau, Mo., bank, nets forgers long term of imprisonment

W. H. Stubblefield, president of the Sturdivant Bank, Cape Girardeau, Mo., is to be complimented on the fact that Larkin J. Flannigan, a dangerous forger and Waddell Field, his right-hand man, are now safely lodged in the Missouri State Prison, to serve a term of 7 and 5 years respectively.

On page 69 of the November, 1915, Supplement, we published an account of how on October 18th, Flannigan approached the assistant cashier of the Sturdivant Bank and asked to have cash on a check for \$750, made payable to W. Burchfiel, secretary of the Grass Lake Drainage Co., Osceola, Ark., which company had an account at the bank. The check appeared genuine in all respects and the cash was given to Flannigan. The latter was leaving the bank when Mr. Stubblefield inquired of the assistant cashier as to the identity of the man who had presented the check. He was told that it was Mr. Burchfiel. Mr. Stubblefield realized that his bank had been swindled and set out in his auto after Flannigan and a man who joined Flannigan on his leaving the bank.

The chase covered a stretch of 60 miles and consumed a period of 11 hours. But it was crowned with success for Mr. Stubblefield caught up with the fugitives, had them arrested

and returned to Cape Girardeau. Since this time he has worked vigorously to convict these men and on January 7th, after a heated trial, Flannigan was given a sentence of 7 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary, while Field, as an accessory to the forgery, must serve 5 years in the same institution.

### STORY WRITER SENTENCED

Robert D. Jones pleads for probation, but court is unmoved and passes four-year sentence upon him

The trial of Robert Dorsey Jones, traveler, story writer and forger, came up in the San Francisco, Cal., courts on January 10th. The accused pleaded guilty to swindling by forged checks, and begged the court for probation. But the court remained unmoved, and pronounced sentence of 4 years in San Quentin Penitentiary. On page 106 of the January, 1916, Supplement, we published a full account of the operations and arrest of this man.

### BANK CLERKS CAPTURE THIEF

Sneak thief who secured bag of currency from Minneapolis bank is pounced upon by the bank's clerks and turned over to police

On January 17th one Fred Brown entered a bank at Minneapolis, Minn., and walked behind the partition and into the vault. One of the bank clerks, observing Brown, followed him into the vault, and demanded his reason for being there. Brown replied that he was sent to inspect the time lock on the vault. His pockets were bulging unnaturally, and as he realized that he had awakened suspicion, he dashed for the door. In the meantime, the clerk who had approached Brown, reported to his fellow-workers, and when they beheld Brown endeavoring to make his get-away, they ran to the door to head him off. In the grapple that followed, Brown was overpowered. He was then turned over to the police. A bag containing \$25 in pennies was taken from his person.

### COURT DECISION

Under date of January 5, 1916, an article appeared in the St. Louis, Mo., *Post-Dispatch*, which related that the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, on the day preceding, lost its suit to hold the National Bank of Commerce liable for honoring a check for \$2,500, on which the endorsement was forged. This case was decided by the St. Louis Court of Appeals, which confirmed the finding of the Circuit Court. An agent of the company at Magnolia, Ark., insured the life of Samuel T. Wicker, a fictitious party, for \$2,500 on November 3, 1906. Proof of the latter's death was given after three months. A check for \$2,500, drawn against the company's funds in the bank at St. Louis, was forwarded to the agent to be delivered to the widow, Mary Wicker. The evidence showed that the agent had the wife of a notary public at Magnolia endorse the check as Wicker's widow. Both sides conceded there was no such person as Wicker. The Appellate Court decision says that, as the forgery resulted through the connivance of the plaintiff's representative, the bank is not liable.



A. BENNETT

## WARNING

A. BENNETT has defrauded a member of Napa, Cal., by forgery. The sheriff at Napa holds warrant for Bennett's arrest. This forger has used the names A. Benard, A. Bunyard, Arthur Bunyard and Arthur Benard. He is 43 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds, of sandy complexion, and is smooth shaven. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this matter.

IGNATZ BOBOTH recently endeavored to cash a bogus check at Minneapolis, Minn., by displaying a pass-book of the Lawndale State Bank, Chicago, Ill., in which the amounts had been raised from \$1 to \$505.79. Boboth is 35 years, 5 feet 1 or 2 inches, 130 pounds, of dark complexion, is smooth shaven.

H. B. BRENNER is wanted by a member of Portland, Ore., it being alleged that he forged a depositor's name to a check which was eventually paid by the bank. Brenner is said to be known under the aliases O. M. Turner, William Murray, A. B. McLeod, A. G. Vener, O. M. Wright, Louis H. D. Clarke, Paul E. Schrieber. He is 33 to 35 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, 140 to 145 pounds, of medium slender build, has blue eyes, a thin face, sharp nose, walks with a limp. The Oregon Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the endeavors to apprehend this man.

CHARLES B. BROWN is wanted at Jacksonville, Fla., by a local member, who accuses Brown with passing a worthless check upon their bank. Sheriff at Jacksonville holds warrant for Brown, who is 36 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, is a steamboat worker.

A. DAVIS, alias Davis Alexander, is wanted by a member of Philadelphia, Pa., on a charge of passing forged checks. Davis is interested in theatrical adventures and is supposed to write playlets or acts for vaudeville and moving pictures. He is 30 to 32 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds, dark complexion, black hair, black eyes, has a large, thick nose, scars on bridge, carries a white wood cane and has the appearance of a Hebrew.

BORIS DEMITROFF, a Bulgarian, is suspected of having swindled a member bank at St. Louis, Mo. It is believed that Demitroff stole the deposit book of his room-mate, presented it at the St. Louis bank, and secured \$230 under the representations of being its rightful owner. He is 24 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds, of dark complexion, dark hair and eyes, is smooth shaven. His left eye is crossed and appears as though it were artificial.

H. S. FARNUM, alleged to have used the names J. J. Hendricks, and J. J. Fielding, is wanted by a member of Denver, Col., on a charge of swindling by worthless check.

Farnum is 30 to 40 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, 150 pounds, of medium build, is smooth shaven.

J. B. HALL has defrauded a member of Claflin, Kan., in the forging of a depositor's name to a check which he subsequently cashed at the bank. Hall is 50 years, about 6 feet, 160 pounds, of slender build, has light thin hair. There are several marks on his forehead caused by explosions while he was working in the coal mines.

R. E. HAMILTON is the name used by an individual who recently succeeded in securing cash on a forged check from a bank at Dodge City, Kan.

ROBERT KING. Our detective agents, on December 27th, sent the following quoted warning to Pacific Coast members:

"Watch for ROBERT KING, who forged a certified check on the ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, ROSE-TOWN, SASK., in the sum of \$14,000 and deposited same with BANK OF HAMILTON, ARMSTRONG, B. C., receiving pass-book showing balance of \$13,986. Should this party present the pass-book of the Bank of Hamilton at your bank, kindly detain him under a suitable pretext, and immediately notify our nearest office."

BERNIE MCGUIRE is wanted by a member of Monte Vista, Col., on a charge of forgery. McGuire is a laborer, 20 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 120 pounds, of light complexion, and has a peaked face.

J. S. MAYES is wanted by a member of Daytona Beach, Fla., for having defrauded the bank in cashing a worthless check.

J. J. MEYERS has defrauded a member of Lakewood, Ohio, in the cashing of a bogus check. Meyers is supposed to be employed by Housom-Grace Co. and appeared at Lakewood to decorate its store windows with "Instant Postum." Local merchants were also defrauded by this man.

EDGAR MOULTON is wanted by a member of Somersworth, N. Y., on a charge of defrauding by passing forged checks. Moulton also operated against members at Dover and Rochester, N. H. He is 20 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds, light hair, has sharp features, is smooth shaven.

EDWARD V. MURPHY is wanted by a member of Washington, D. C. It is alleged that he deposited with them a forged check and subsequently drew against same. Murphy is 18 years, about 5 feet 4 inches, 125 pounds, of medium build, has blue eyes, dark hair, smooth and freckled face.

G. E. RANKIN, a painter and paper hanger, is wanted by a member of Pocatello, Idaho, on a charge of swindling by forgery. The sheriff at Pocatello holds warrant for Rankin, who is 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 190 pounds, very talkative, and said to be fond of intoxicating drinks.

OWNE RIPPEY on December 28, 1915, endeavored to open an account at a bank of Minneapolis, Minn., with a draft drawn to the Chemical National Bank, New York, which draft was returned as worthless. Rippey is 50 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds, has dark hair tinged with gray, dark mustache.

C. B. SCHOENFELD, wanted by a member of Harrisburg, Pa., on a warrant charging forgery, during December passed a worthless check at Youngstown, Ohio. He wore a Red Cross pin on his vest, and represented himself to be associated with that body. He also carried in his pocket for identification purposes a small black leather booklet, bearing his name and a red cross.



PHILLIP H. SCHWEITZ

PHILLIP H. SCHWEITZ has been drawing numerous bogus checks on the Metropolitan Bank, New York City. Merchants at New York City and Montreal, Can., have suffered by paying on these checks. He is known also as Walter B. Renton, A. Victor Hanson, P. Schwartz, F. Miller and Stone. There is a warrant held in New York City for his arrest.

VOL SHELBY, or VOLLIE Shelby, is reported as having put to loss a member of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., in the cashing of a forged check which the bank eventually paid. He is 35 years. 5 feet 4 inches, 135 to 145 pounds, has sandy hair, is almost bald on top of head.

E. W. SMITH is alleged to be passing bogus checks drawn upon the First National Bank, Chicago, Ill., on the voucher form of the Railway Materials Co., Railway Exchange, Chicago. Another check in the same handwriting was made out on the Thomas Elevator Co. This bank carries the account of the latter mentioned firm, but not that of the Railway Materials Co. These concerns could not inform as to who E. W. Smith is, or how he obtained possession of their checks.

M. ARNOLD WESLOW is wanted by a member of Pine Bluff, Ark., on a charge of having defrauded their institution in the cashing of a worthless check. Weslow carried a card bearing his name and the words, "Oil Investments."

## GENERAL

ADDISON L. CLARK was recently arrested at Gilboa, N. Y., by a Deputy United States Marshal, he having been indicted in the Federal Court at New Haven, Conn., for sending "no fund" checks through the mails. Clark has been released under \$1,500 bail to appear for trial at New Haven. This man has been conducting a fraudulent stock bond and check scheme for several years past, and has been reported to this department by many of our members. Post Office Inspector R. P. Allen at Utica, N. Y., is handling the case against Clark. JOURNAL, December, 1914, page 390.

WILBUR W. CLARK, alias Ralph Connor, on January 5th was arrested for forgery, at Evansville, Ind. On January 8th he was sentenced to from 1 to 5 years in the Indiana State Reformatory, at Jeffersonville, Ind. Clark admitted to passing checks of no account at Ft. Wayne, and Indianapolis, Ind., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky. He is about 28 years, 4 feet 11 1/2 inches, 99 pounds.



JAMES S. BOYNTON

JAMES S. BOYNTON on January 3d, was arrested by our detective agents at Chicago, Ill., at the request of a Lima, Ohio, member. He will be prosecuted at Lima for having passed bogus checks. Boynton is 23 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds; speaks with a southern accent.

JAMES L. CLINE. Forged checks made payable to James L. Cline have been recently cashed at Fort Scott, Kan.

F. M. COOK is reported by a member of Vestaburg, Mich., as having defrauded a depositor, by having a bogus draft on Doctors Hess and Clark, Ashland, Ohio, cashed. Cook claims to be a traveling salesman for this concern.



WILLIAM A. DAVIS

WILLIAM A. DAVIS, on January 12th, was arrested by the police of Pittsburgh, Pa., for passing bogus drafts. It was intimated that Davis is possibly an advance fee swindler, employing the mining stock proposition. He was subsequently released from custody, because they hold no just charge against him at Pittsburgh. He is 40 years, 5 feet 7 3/4 inches, 148 pounds, of medium build, has blue eyes, of medium complexion.

NELLIE P. DONLEY is drawing bogus checks against the Sundance State Bank, Sundance, Wyo.

C. C. ELLIOTT is drawing worthless checks against the State Bank of Greenbush, Greenbush, Minn., and cashing them throughout Minnesota.

ARTHUR FALK, who has used also the name Joseph Morris, is cashing bogus checks at Philadelphia, Pa., drawn against the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

FRED M. FAULKNER, an alleged mining engineer, recently cashed at Birmingham, Ala., a bogus check drawn against the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN FERNIE, alias Fred C. Jannis, 45 years of age, is wanted at Sea Cliff, N. Y., on a charge of passing a bogus check.

W. G. FERRY, alias Joseph Franklin, has passed a bogus check at St. Paul, Minn., drawn against the American National Bank of St. Paul.



IRVING G. FINKELSTEIN

IRVING G. FINKELSTEIN was arrested in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 9th, for the police of Oakland, Cal., who accuse Finkelstein with defrauding by forgery. Finkelstein has also cashed many bogus checks in the past several months. December, 1915, Supplement, page 96

D. GORDON, known also as R. C. Walters, S. C. Shaw, and H. C. Shaw, on January 6th passed a forged cashier's check at Denver, Col.

C. C. GREGORY, alias Raymond C. Holmes, alias Raymond C. Howard, passer of bogus and raised checks, on January 10th was sentenced to serve from 1 to 10 years at the Illinois State Penitentiary.

F. C. HELMS, claiming to be a passenger employee of the B. & O. R.R., running between Baltimore and Philadelphia, on December 24th cashed a forged check at Birmingham, Ala.

JOHN KELLY HOLLOWAY has secured cash at New York City on a bogus check supposed to be issued by the Standard Acreage Company, on the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York. This concern has no account at the bank mentioned.

SHELDON HOWARD has been arrested at Philadelphia, on a charge of passing worthless checks. It is alleged that he operated throughout Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Camden, Brooklyn, and Providence.

H. E. JAMISON, alias Amos Glass, was recently arrested at Logansport, Ind., and has been identified as the individual who, on December 23d, entered Donovan, Ill., as a cattle man from Raub, Ind., and passed two bogus checks. Jamison is about 60 years, 5 feet 10 inches, has gray hair, is smooth shaven.

VINCENT KAVANAUGH has drawn several bogus checks against the Drexel State Bank, Chicago, Ill. One of these checks was cashed by a bank at Chicago.

THOMAS KNIGHT, 65 to 70 years of age, is wanted by a hotel of Denver, Col., on a charge of cashing a worthless check and worthless draft.

ARTHUR KOONTZ, alias Tom Kelly, alias Frank Graham, has secured cash on several forged checks, from merchants at Mount Vernon, Iowa.

ALBERT G. LAMBIE, known also as George Bennett, on January 6th was arrested at Portland, Ore., on a charge of cashing worthless checks. He is 62 years of age.

R. A. LAWRENCE, alias F. A. Adams, is passing bogus checks in the south, drawn to the United Safe Deposit & Savings Bank, New Orleans, La., by H. E. Frost, manager Snow-Church Co. This is a fictitious concern.

CHARLES W. MORRISON, on January 11th, was taken into custody at Portland, Ore., by the local police, at the direction of our detective agents. Morrison had attempted to secure money from several local banks on bogus drafts which he had deposited. He was arrested for defrauding a Portland hotel.

CHARLES D. MURRAY has cashed at Denver, Col., numerous bogus checks drawn upon the Central Savings Bank & Trust Co. and the Denver National Bank, of Denver, Col.

HARRY RAMSEY has cashed a worthless check at Denver, Col.

CAPT. JAMES J. RAYMOND is drawing bogus checks against the Interstate Banking Co., New Orleans, La., which checks have been cashed by New Orleans merchants. He has used also the names Raben B. Raymond, John Rigau, Frank Williams and C. G. Rosart.

DAVID ROSENTHAL is drawing bogus checks against the Equitable Trust Co., New York.

R. L. SHAFFER has passed several bogus checks in and about Norton, Kan.

GEORGE STANLEY, who is using the name H. W. Pike, is drawing bogus checks on the First National Bank of Richmond, Cal.

C. R. STONE on December 13th, cashed a forged check at Portland, Ore.

R. S. STORY is wanted at Snyder, Tex., on a charge of having cashed a raised check. It is believed that Story proceeded to Irving, Tex., and he is said to be well-known in the vicinity of Dallas, Tex.

N. B. SUTTON has cashed, at Clanton, Ala., several bogus checks drawn on the Alleghany Bank and Trust Co., New Castle, Pa. There is no bank of this name.

J. L. WALLACE, or John L. Wallace, is drawing bogus checks against the Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo., which checks have been cashed by merchants throughout Missouri.

W. J. WEAVER at Watervliet, Mich., passed a worthless sight draft on J. J. Fleck, Tifton, Ohio. Weaver claimed to be doing business with implement dealers.

EDWARD A. WHEELER has passed bogus checks at St. Louis, Mo., drawn against the Merchants Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.

GEORGE WHITE. A check drawn against the American National Bank, Oklahoma City, Okla., made payable to and indorsed George White, and supposed to be signed by J. McGrath, Rector Sacred Heart Church, has been returned to Philadelphia, Pa., where it was cashed. The American National Bank holds no account under the rector's name, nor the name of this church.



BEN WILLIAMS and OLLIE MADDINGS, arrested in connection with the hold up and robbery of a bank at Grant, Okla., have been sentenced to 10 years each in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

EDWARD WILSON, alias James Hanley, alias Joe Sullivan, 53 years of age, who is reported on page 105, January, 1916, Supplement, was arrested on December 16th at Philadelphia, Pa., for passing worthless checks.

J. H. WILSON, alias G. E. Wilson, alias George Wilson, has passed, at San Francisco, many forged checks of the firm of Pool & Wilson.

The Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., reports receiving a bogus check drawn against their bank, made payable to H. H. Kiernan, and signed G. W. Gonsoul. The check was not lithographed for this bank, nor do they know G. W. Gonsoul. It was evidently cashed at Vicksburg, Miss.

A bogus cashier's check, drawn against the Peoples Bank, Harlan, Ky., an unexisting bank, was recently cashed at Cincinnati, Ohio.

## ARRESTED

### PROFESSIONAL SWINDLER CAPTURED

Man of many aliases confesses to long list of swindles perpetrated in most every state of the Union

A most important arrest was effected during the past month at Portland, Ore. The prisoner, who said his true name is George Lee Thorne, made a confession in which he declared that for many months he has lived chiefly on his wits as a check swindler. Thorne is reported as an ex-general of Villa's army in Mexico, and states that he was graduated from the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons. At one time, so he claims, he was stationed at Fort Mean, and Walla Walla, Wash., as a first sergeant, 12th Cavalry, United States Army. When arrested a large supply of blank checks of numerous banks was found in his possession. He told of his operations that covered the cities of Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Oakland, Riverside, San Francisco, San Diego, Missoula, Mont., Lead, S. D., Cheyenne, Wyo., Johnstown, Pa., Chicago, Cleveland, Albuquerque, N. M., etc., and confessed to using the aliases W. G. Trowbridge, G. L. Thorne, Dr. Russell Elliott, W. A. Hilton, Dr. W. Elliott, Dr. Judson



GEORGE LEE THORNE

Buswell, L. Baldwin, W. A. Trowbridge, E. B. Hall, Augustus Tillman, Charles Atwater, Dr. Ed. H. Heaton, George Hilton, R. Hilton, T. W. Trowbridge, W. W. Byrne, E. L. Whitney, John Hanson, Nelson Hogan, R. M. Galey, Charles Aitken, A. E. Weston, C. F. Grams, Dr. Charles Lumby, J. E. Storking, N. P. Hansen, M. Wellin, R. M. Wellington, G. L. Paterson, Fred Harris, Charles Aitken, Dr. Lumba, A. P. Scudda, R. M. Gay, W. E. Gaines, C. M. Croft, F. J. Riley, James P. Olson, A. L. Holton, W. F. Freeley, W. S. Hagen, and Lee Baldwin. He is 31 years, 5 feet 7½ inches, 139 pounds, of medium build, has brown hair, light brown eyes, medium complexion, is a promoter by occupation. Bertillon: 70.5 68.0 90.5 19.4 15.2+ 14.0 6.1 24.3 10.9 8.4 44.1 Finger Prints: 1/1 R/R II/II-2. His left index finger is slightly crooked at end. Kindly advise this department if this man is further identified.

### DETECTIVE TAKEN AS SWINDLER

Deposits stolen money orders in Minneapolis Bank and secures \$150 worth of checks against account

On January 18th, under the name W. K. McNeill, Charles M. Todd entered a member bank at Minneapolis, Minn., and stated his desire to open an account by depositing eight \$50 money orders of the Dominion Express Co., issued at Parkdale, Ontario, Can. The account was accepted, and the bank issued to McNeill \$150 worth of A. B. A. travelers' checks, charging same against the account. The Minneapolis bank then wired the Dominion Express Company at Toronto in regard to the money orders deposited by McNeill, and received the reply that the money orders deposited were listed among a batch recently stolen in blank at Parkdale. At this point, the bank received a wire from McNeill to forward to a bank in the city of Chicago \$125. Our detective agents at Minneapolis were called into the matter and they immediately wired their Chicago office to place W. K. McNeill under surveillance pending further word. On January 20th, McNeill called at the Chicago bank to receive the \$125, when he was taken into custody by a representative of the Chicago office of our detective agents, and an agent of the express company. A woman who gave her name as Olive Erickson was also taken into custody with McNeill. When asked his true name, the prisoner stated that it was Charles M. Todd and that he was searching for one W. K. McNeill. The Minneapolis bank has sworn to a warrant for the arrest of Todd alias McNeill. He is 40 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 175 pounds, of medium stout build, of light florid complexion, wears spectacles.

ERNEST BUCKLEY, wanted on a minor charge at Marfa, Tex., was, on January 14th, taken into custody and returned to Marfa. It is believed that this man has operated with forged checks in several states under the names J. B. Moore, and J. B. Rogers, as reported on page 18, August, 1915, Supplement. Ernest Buckley, suspect, is 29 years (looks 35), 5 feet 10½ inches (carriage gives him the appearance of 5 feet 8 inches), 140 to 150 pounds, has pale blue eyes, dark hair, slightly curly on top, of medium complexion. He is able to place his left hip in such a position as to make the left leg an inch shorter than the right. His hands are extremely thin and long.

O. W. DRISCOLL and ROBERT L. CUMMINGS were on December 17th arrested near Sapulpa, Okla., charged with the hold up and robbery of a bank member at Depew, Okla. This crime was perpetrated on December 13, 1915, and

\$3,842.25 were secured by the robbers. Driscoll is 21 years, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches, 155 to 160 pounds, of medium build, light complexion, has light brown hair and blue eyes. Cummings is 45 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds, of slender build, sandy complexion, has light brown hair, blue eyes, and is smooth shaven. They have been positively identified by the men held up in the bank.

HUGO A. EDEN has confessed to being implicated in the daylight hold up and robbery of the Camden Park State Bank, Minneapolis, Minn., perpetrated on November 29, 1915. His trial was held on January 8th.

ARTHUR J. HAMILTON, whose photograph is inserted on page 99 of the January, 1916, Supplement, was on December 23, 1915, arrested at Indianapolis, Ind., for having perpetrated a hold up and robbery against a member bank at Manitou, Col.



ALLIE HAMMOND

ALLIE HAMMOND. A member of Chicago, Ill., on January 10th, reported that one H. H. Drake had swindled their bank, by opening an account with several bogus checks drawn against the First National Bank, Sterling, Col., and subsequently drawing against them. On January 14th, this man was arrested in Chicago. In his suitcase there were found many newspaper clippings on the method of selling cheap jewelry, advertisements on oil wells, irrigation projects, etc. Drake was identified by our detective agents, as Allie Hammond, who in the early part of 1913 defrauded a member of Clymer, Pa., and a member at Chicago, Ill., with worthless checks. He was subsequently arrested on this information, and sentenced on January 7, 1914, to serve a term of 2½ years in the Illinois State Penitentiary. Hammond, alias Drake, is 22 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 125 pounds, of medium build, medium complexion, has azure blue eyes.

ED. HUMPHREY, who has used the names Ed. Ryan, Jack Michels, Jack Riley, Mitchell, and whose true name is said to be J. H. Michels, defrauded a member of Midland, S. D., in the cashing of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. He was arrested on January 7th, by our detective agents, at Denver, Col. He agreed to return to Midland and "take his medicine."

ROLAND C. JEWETT, on December 31st, was arrested at Providence, R. I., by our detective agents and the local police, on a warrant charging Jewett with swindling by means of worthless checks. This warrant was sworn to by a member of Boston, Mass. Jewett is known also as Harry G. Anderson, and is 32 years, 5 feet 5¼ inches, 145 pounds, of medium build, has chestnut hair, slate gray eyes; is an artist, and was born at Massachusetts. He has a brown mole on his left cheek.

HARRY W. KOLSTAD, who it is alleged defrauded a member of Minneapolis, Minn., in the passing of checks bearing the forged signature of his uncle, surrendered himself on December 23d to the military control at Minneapolis. He is to be tried for desertion from the army.

BENNY KOLTON, on January 15th, was arrested at Baltimore, Md., by the local police, at the instigation of our detective agents. A member of Philadelphia, Pa., has sworn to a warrant charging Kolton with forgery, and the investigation that followed lead our agents to Baltimore. The prisoner confessed to passing bogus checks at Philadelphia, New York, and Baltimore. He gave his true name as Lee M. Fabricant and assumed names as Benny Fabe, L. M. Fabe, J. L. Rosenthal, B. R. Riley, L. H. Fisher, L. F. Fisher and Lee M. Faber. He is 20 years, 5 feet 2 inches, 130 to 135 pounds, has light brown hair; born in Russia.

MRS. MARTHA LAPORTE, on December 23d, was taken into custody at Burlington, Vt., by the local sheriff and our detective agents. It is alleged that this woman defrauded a member bank of New London, Conn., in the cashing of a check bearing a forged indorsement. She was returned to New London. This woman is known also as Martha LaPate, Martha Graves, and Martha King.

S. MARGULIES, on January 13th, was arrested by the police of Detroit, Mich., on a charge of having defrauded a local member bank by forgery.

JOHN NEARY, alias John Ryan, wanted by a member of Harrison, Neb., on a charge of swindling by worthless check, was recently arrested at Little Falls, Minn.

"BILLY" PASKILL, 54 years of age, on January 15th, was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., by our detective agents and the local police. Paskill is charged by a Kansas City member bank with having swindled their institution in the cashing of a worthless check. This man, on November 4, 1915, was arrested in St. Louis, Mo., on complaint of another Kansas City member, returned to their city, and subsequently released from custody. Supplement, December, 1915, pages 92 and 94.

W. A. PENNY, wanted by a member of Minneapolis, Minn., for defrauding their institution in the cashing of a check bearing a forged indorsement, was, on January 16th, arrested at Minneapolis by the police. He is 28 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds, of slender build, has a sallow complexion, light brown hair, is smooth shaven, has sharp features.

STEVE POSA, 17 years of age, was, on January 10th, located by our detective agents, at Jamaica, L. I., at the request of a member of Red Bank, N. J., who reported Posa as having passed a forged check upon them. Posa was turned over to the police of New York City, pending his return to Red Bank. He is 5 feet 5½ inches, 90 pounds, has dark brown hair, hazel eyes.

SONNEY POWELL, alias James Hunt, negro, wanted on a charge of defrauding a member of Oilton, Okla., by forgery, was recently arrested by the police of Tulsa, Okla.

AITKEN SARTOR, alias Forest Walters, colored, on January 20th was arrested by a bank member of Washington, D. C., they claiming that Sartor has passed forged checks upon them. The prisoner told the police that he came from Columbia, S. C. He is 26 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 130 pounds.

WILLIAM SCHABEN, who has used the name A. R. Williamson, on December 24th, was arrested at Denver, Col., and returned to Ness City, Kan., on a local member's charge of swindling. Supplement, January, 1916, page 103.

**ARTHUR WHEAT**, alias Arthur Bean, on December 30th was arrested at Springport, Mich., by the local sheriff. Wheat was brought to Detroit, Mich., where he was interviewed by our detective agents, and when pressed he admitted that he was the party wanted for defrauding a member bank at Ellsworth, Kan., by forged check. He will be returned to Ellsworth. His description is as follows, 20 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, of slender build, has dark hair, and blue eyes.

**JAMES F. WILSON** and **VIRGIL SHELTON**, forgers wanted at Portland, Ore., were arrested in Peoria, Ill., on January 7th. Photograph of these men are shown on pages 99 and 100 of the January, 1916, Supplement. Wilson has used the names Harry J. Frye, F. C. Wayne, John B. Ward, K. E. Batters, George C. Leonard, W. W. Wolf, and J. A. Norton. The Oregon Bankers Association has interested itself with this Association in this matter. **PAUL LIMBER** and **RAY APPLE**, who have also been involved with the men above named, were also taken into custody.



ARTHUR BAILEY

## HARDENED CRIMINAL IMPRISONED

Man whose operations date back to 1894, and who has served numerous prison sentences, again paying penalty

It is the general opinion that when a man commits a crime and is arrested and sentenced to a prison term, that the hardships he suffers while in confinement leave their impression upon his mind, and in the fear that is thus nourished he keeps to the straight road for the rest of his days. Then there comes before us the individual who shatters this opinion and leads us to wonder what punishment, other than imprisonment, would be the more proper to administer to him. As an example of the latter mentioned class we cite the case of Arthur Bailey, alias T. H. Coffman, alias Bain, alias Hess, alias Morgan, alias Schuster, alias Hendricks, etc. Our records of the operations of this man date back to the year 1894, since which time he has served sentences in a half dozen or more prisons. It is evident that as soon as he is released from confinement his brain and hand are immediately set to work, powerless to overcome the temptation to commit crime.

On August 15, 1894, under the name T. H. Coffman, this man was received at the Ohio State Penitentiary to serve a term of 1 year and 8 months. He served this time and on December 14, 1895, was given his liberty.

On May 20, 1896, he was again received at the Ohio State Penitentiary, this time as H. T. Martin. His time was placed at 1 year.

On November 5, 1909, he was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., on a charge of swindling, and on April 19, 1910, he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a term of 3 years. He was released after serving 2 years of this time.

On August 13, 1912, he was arrested at Pittsburgh, Pa., and on September 18, 1912, he was sentenced to the West Virginia Penitentiary for a term of 5 years. On March 13, 1914, he was conditionally pardoned.

On June 4, 1915, he was captured at Lincoln, Neb. Following this arrest he has been sentenced to a term in the Nebraska State Penitentiary of 1 to 20 years, where he is now confined.

## HOLD-UP MAN TO PAY PENALTY

Attorney pleads to court for mercy to his client. Sympathy remains undisplayed in court's decision

On December 7th the case of the State against C. R. Wiles was called in the district court at Miami, Okla. Wiles stood accused of implication in the hold up of the Chautauqua State Bank, Chautauqua, Kan. His attorney addressed the court and told that Wiles was a man of education, and at one time a man of means; that his downfall was due to liquor and that at heart Wiles was not a bad man. The district judge thereupon sentenced Wiles to the penitentiary for a period of 10 to 20 years.

## CONVICTED

**CARL BENDER**, alias R. E. Coulter, alias Carl Hauser, forgeries (2 counts), indeterminate sentence on each; Stillwater Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.

**JAMES BIGGINS**, forgery, January 4, 1916, suspended sentence of 4 years, San Quentin, Cal., Penitentiary.

**ORA O. CARPENTER**, forgery, 1 year; Des Moines, Iowa, jail.

**W. PRICE DAVIS**, forgery, November 29, 1915, 16 years, Arkansas State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark.

**HUGO A. EDEN**, hold up and robbery, arrest reported in this issue, January 7, 1916, 5 to 40 years, Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.

**ED. ENGLEHART**, alias E. J. Hendricks, forgeries, returned to Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge, Mont., to serve unexpired term. Maximum, April 29, 1916.

**J. BUFORD GEST**, forgery, 4 years, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Tex.

**ED. HUMPHREY**, alias Jack Riley, alias Jack Michels, alias Ed Ryan, arrest mentioned in this issue, 1 year, South Dakota Penitentiary.

**P. J. KRAMER**, worthless check, December 21, 1915, 10 years, San Quentin, Cal., Penitentiary.

**MRS. MARTHA LAPORTE**, alias Martha LaPate, alias Martha Graves, alias Martha King, arrest reported in this issue, January 4, 1916, released at New London, Conn., on probation.

**GEORGE W. LEE**, forgery, indeterminate term, State Reformatory, Pontiac, Ill.

**J. H. MEYERS**, alias Oscar Williamson, alias Thomas Wainwright, 1 year, Philadelphia County Prison, from December 6, 1915.

W. A. PENNEY, forgery, held to the Federal Grand Jury; interfering with the United States mails.

FRANK POWELL, alias Frank Pollock, raised check, 2 years, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Tex.

JAMES REID, forgery, 1 to 1½ years, Santa Fe, N. M., Penitentiary.

JOHN T. STEARN, alias John T. Stephens, alias John F. Stewart, forgery, January, 1916, 2 years, West Virginia State Penitentiary.

FREDERICK A. WILSON, forgery, December 22, 1915, 18 months, Florida State Penitentiary.

## RELEASED

A. A. BOURG, supposed to have used the names E. Hiller, and George Long, alleged forgery, released; no evidence to convict.

STEVE FORD, arrested for forgery, released; not identified.

GUY HARRISON, forgery, released; not sufficient evidence to convict.

RANDALL W. HUNTER, suspected swindle, December 2, 1915, found not guilty.

DENNIS A. MARTIN, alleged forgery, acquitted.

## INSANE

FRED BROWN, sneak theft, arrest reported in this issue, judged insane.

## ESCAPED

ROY GARRARD, alias Roy Garrett, escaped on December 5th, Arkansas County jail, DeWitt, Ark.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS.

Anderson, George Arthur, forgeries, Guilford, Me.  
 Andrews, Bob, swindle, Ramseur, N. C.  
 Apple, Ray, forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
 Aziz, Mohammed Abdul, forgeries, New Orleans, La.  
 Badik, Joseph, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Bean, P. W., forgery, McAlester, Okla.  
 Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Blummer, William B., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Buckley, Ernest, suspect forger, Marfa, Tex.  
 Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Burke, William, swindle, Des Moines, Ia.  
 Burnett, James, forgery, Tampa, Fla.  
 Burwell, Clyde C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Cole, A. C., swindle, Houston, Tex.  
 Connolly, James H., forgery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Dalrymple, Charles J., forgery, Central Square, N. Y.  
 Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Donner, Henry, forgery, Bayonne, N. J.  
 Dwyer, Perry Tyson, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Felter, Benjamin, swindle, New Rochelle, N. Y.  
 Fuller, Winfred A., swindle, Haverhill, Mass.

Geyer, Henry, Mount Vernon, Ia.  
 Gibson, Ralph, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Gould, C., swindle, Chester, Pa.  
 Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
 Halbert, C. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Hall, Bert, forgery, Odell, Neb.  
 Hammond, Allie, bogus checks, Chicago, Ill.  
 Hess, Henry O., swindle, Alliance, O.  
 Hoover, Corrie, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Jewett, Roland C., worthless checks, Boston, Mass.  
 Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Keltner, Tom, forgery, Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 Kinkade, J. W., forgery, Orange, Cal.  
 Kolstad, Harry W., forgery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Kolton, Benny, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Larkin, James T., forgery, Tuxline, Tex.  
 Lederman, L., swindle, Sparta, Ill.  
 Leonard, Jim A., swindle, Lewellen, Neb.  
 Limber, Paul, forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
 McAlister, Arthur, forgery, Plains, Kan.  
 McCarroll, Mrs. Maude, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
 McCarroll, Mrs. Pauline, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
 Mann, Edward, swindle, Carlisle, Ark.  
 Margulies, S., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 Miller, R. H., swindle, Asheville, N. C.  
 Moran, William, forgery, Utica, N. Y.  
 Morrisseau, Edward, swindle, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Nay, Cleve, forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Neary, John, worthless check, Harrison, Neb.  
 Neimast, Earnest F., forgery, Phillipsburg, Kan.  
 Olmsted, P. W., forgery, Garden City, Kan.  
 Parsons, Kenneth O., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Paskill, Billy, worthless check, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Patterson, Harry N., forgery, Ellwood City, Pa.  
 Perkins, Kennedy, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Posa, Steve, forgery, Red Bank, N. J.  
 Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.  
 Reade, E. A., swindle, Primrose, Neb.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Ruther, Walter J., swindle, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Sanders, Mrs. S. D., swindle, Baker, Ore.  
 Sartor, Aitken, forgery, Washington, D. C.  
 Schaben, William, swindle, Ness City, Kan.  
 Shelton, Virgil, forgery, Portland, Ore.  
 Shubey, forgery, Montclair, N. J.  
 Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
 Smith, Armour, forgery, Paducah, Ky.  
 Smith, C. J., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Smith, D. K., swindle, Huntsville, Ala.  
 Smith, Frank, swindle, Wichita, Kan.  
 Soucy, Joseph Edward, swindle, Duluth, Minn.  
 Soucy, W. A., swindle, Kankakee, Ill.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Stokes, William, forgery, Sparta, Ill.  
 Terry, James, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Terry, Mrs. Madeline, forgeries, Houston, Tex.  
 Thorne, George Lee, forgery, Riverside, Cal.  
 Todd, Charles M., forgery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Troiana, Alfred, swindle, El Paso, Tex.  
 Van Uffel, Harry F., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Walton, Joseph, swindle, Donora, Pa.  
 Wheat, Arthur, forgery, Ellsworth, Kan.  
 Wilson, James F., forgery, Portland, Ore.  
 Wilt, F., forgery, Duncan, Okla.



**BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS**

Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Clark, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Cooper, C. W., hold up, Amity, Ark.  
 Cummings, Robert L., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Driscoll, O. W., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Hamilton, Arthur J., hold up, Manitou, Col.  
 Elliott, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Goodman, John, alleged burglary, Greenwood, Ark.  
 Hembree, Fred, burglary, Andale, Kan.  
 Higgins, Lige, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 Hoffman, Charles, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Johnson, Charles H., hold up, Stroud, Okla.  
 King, Alex., burglary, Lincoln, Ala.  
 Kitterman, Joe, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 McHugh, P., alleged burglary, Greenwood, Ark.

Phillips, P. C., robbery, Long Pine, Neb.  
 Powells, John, burglary, Lincoln, Ala.

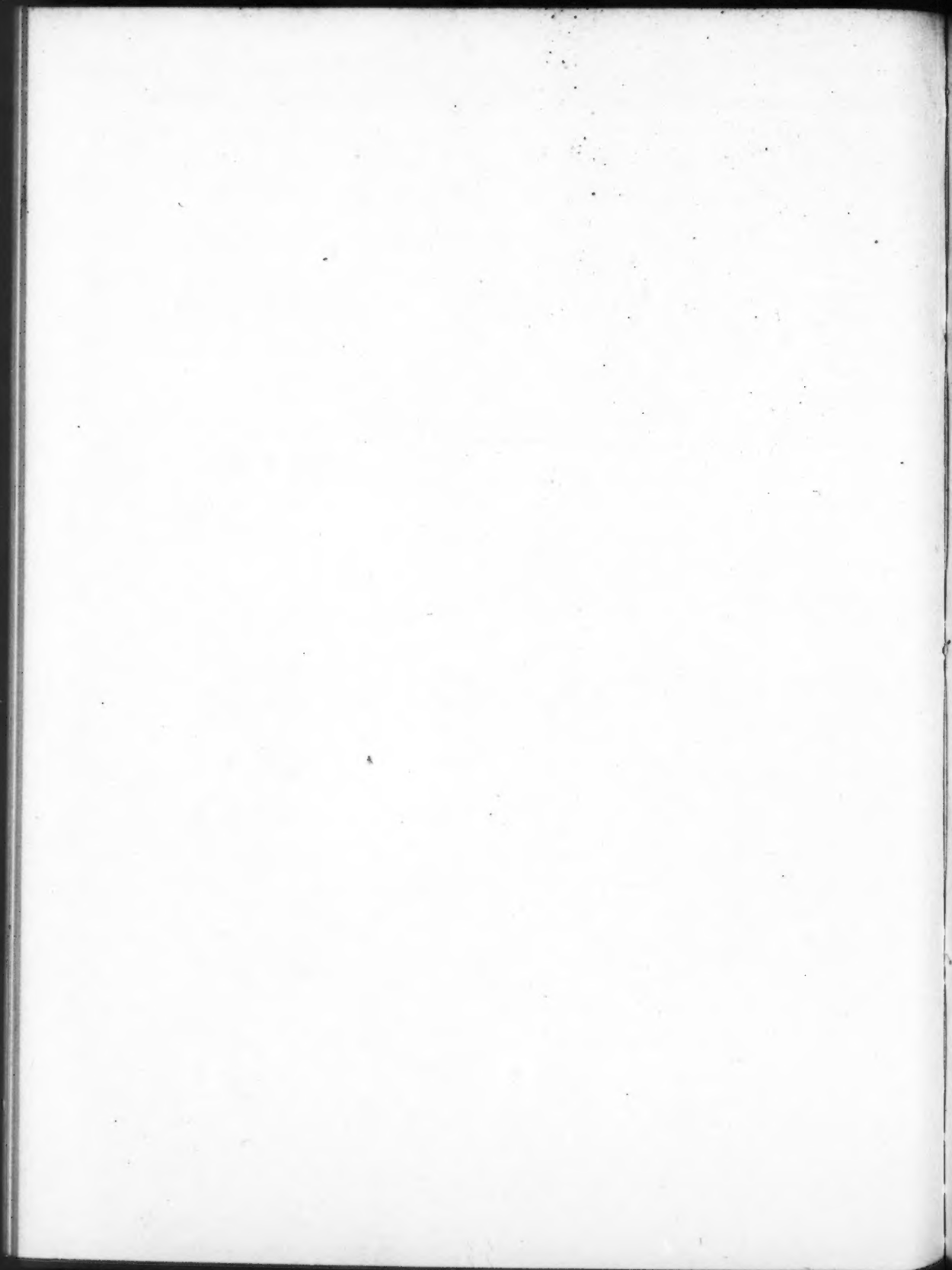
**BANK CLERK APPREHENDED**

Embezzles \$500 from Detroit bank; flees to San Francisco, and is arrested there by Burns Agency

REX W. SLACK, 18 years of age, employed in a bank at Detroit, Mich., at a suitable opportunity pocketed \$500 of the bank's funds and immediately headed for the west. The Burns Agency was detailed by the bank on the case, and on December 15th they located and arrested Slack at San Francisco, Cal. He had but 20 cents on his person when taken into custody.

**STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT**

	Awaiting Trial, August 1, 1915	Arrested since August 1, 1915.	Arrests in January, 1916.	Total	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Escaped, Insane, Fugitive or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	88	153	22	175	122	45	7	89
Burglars.....	10	3	..	3	6	2	1	4
Hold-up								
Robbers.....	10	8	4	12	12	..	..	10
Sneak Thieves..	..	3	1	4	..	..	1	3
	108	167	27	194	140	47	9	106



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## ***RULES OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE***

1. Upon receipt of notification by the General Secretary, Five Nassau Street, New York City, or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check-raising, worthless or bogus checks, swindle, sneak theft, robbery, hold up or burglary therein, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminal. No action, however, will be taken unless immediate notice is given, and **a case once committed to the Association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offence condoned or compromised.** If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, such member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined; or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted. The committee relentlessly pursues both amateur and professional criminals in cases of attempted or successful fraud or crime upon members of the Association but cannot take cognizance of such offenses where perpetrated upon other than members, or of so-called "inside jobs" where the offender is an officer or employee of a member. The committee relies upon the state, county or local authorities to arrange for the extradition and the payment of expense incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work which has not been previously authorized.



# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

L. W. GAMMON, MANAGER  
Five Nassau Street, New York

## FEBRUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### RAISED CHECK DEFIES DETECTION

Clever specimen altered by means of chemicals, stopped through bank's precautions against paying "bearer" checks

Smith & Fein, of the Loraine Knitting Mills, New York City, on February 9, 1916, made out the above check to Samuel Minden, 131 West 23d Street, New York City, in amount of \$6.18. They mailed the check to Samuel Minden

stands as a perfect specimen of the power of ink-eradicating chemicals and the wonderful ability of some criminal hand.

Our detective agents declare that this is the work of a clique of New York letterbox thieves who make the city of New York their headquarters, and who have annually caused local bankers a loss of thousands of dollars. Our agents are working consistently in their endeavors to bring the operations of this clique to an end.

Many a loss will be averted if New York banks will use the same precaution as this Brooklyn bank and refuse to cash "bearer" checks for unknown parties.



(This check was originally made out by Smith & Fein, New York, to Samuel Minden, New York, dated February 9, in amount of \$6.18. It fell into the hands of New York letterbox thieves who removed all the writing on its face with exception of the signature, then filled it in as above and presented it to the bank for payment.)

on the night of February 9. It was placed in the latter's letterbox on the morning of February 10, since which time, and before Samuel Minden had come to his place of business, the letterbox was attacked by thieves, who carried it off, broke it open, secured the letter and check and then set to work to remove its writing.

On the morning of February 10, the same day it was stolen, this check was presented at the North Side Bank of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y., by an individual who gave his name as "Sullivan." This bank, which refuses to cash "bearer" checks for unknown parties, turned to telephone Smith & Fein in regard to the genuineness of the check, when "Sullivan" hastened from the bank.

Although the date, payee's name, and the amount, had been entirely removed, there did not appear on the face of this check the slightest evidence that it had been tampered with in any way. The chemicals used had not discolored the paper or weakened it, nor did they discolor the ink that was afterwards used to fill in the vacant lines. Not only the naked eye was completely deceived, but even when placed under a strong glass, the check failed to reveal its original character. It

### SWINDLING DOCTOR IDENTIFIED

Members are urged to bear this reference in mind! This operator may appear at your bank accompanied by a local priest

On page 115 of the February, 1916, Supplement, we published an article in reference to one Dr. Oskar Kiefer, 40 to 42 years of age, who entered a Scranton, Pa., bank accompanied by one of the local Catholic priests, and who after being introduced by the father, secured \$100 on a bogus check. We stated that this priest was interviewed by our detective agents and related that Kiefer had come into the Parish House, stated that he was from Ottawa, Can.; that he intended to settle at Scranton; that he was married and had three children whom he intended to send to the church school. He showed the father a card which was signed, "Hugo Kiefer," stating that Hugo Kiefer was mailing Dr. Oskar Kiefer a \$500 check. The father was induced to accompany Kiefer to the bank where the latter left the bogus check for collection and secured



DR. F. W. FERREE

\$100 in advance on the strength of the priest's introduction. The photograph herein inserted has been identified at Scranton as the alleged Dr. Oskar Kiefer. Members will do well to guard against this swindler!

### CLEVER SWINDLER IN SOUTH

Leaves forged check at hotel advising that bank's cashier will notify as to its genuineness; then phones hotel from outside and represents himself as bank man; returns to hotel and secures cash on check

A number of hotels in the South have recently been fleeced by a clever swindler who called upon them and declared to the cashiers that he was anxious to secure cash on a check; that he would have to leave town on the night train; that the banks were closed and that he would appreciate their advancing him the cash his check called for. He further declared that he would leave the check and have the bank's cashier telephone the hotel and advise that the check would be paid on the morning following. This man then left the hotel and in short order the cashier at the hotel was called to the telephone and informed by the party on the other end that it was the cashier of the bank calling and that the \$50 check of Frank D. Rainwater was good and would be paid on the morning following. Rainwater then reappeared at the hotel, secured the cash, and was gone. It was Rainwater who had represented himself as the bank official. His check was bogus.

### BANK BECOMES FRAUD VICTIM

Mr. and Mrs. Moore "get heads together" and cleverly plan and perpetrate bank swindle

The clever manner in which an alleged man and wife on January 26 secured \$250 from a member at Rochester, N. Y., is told to this department by the victim. It is related that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore came into their city during July, 1915, and took up quarters. Several months later, Mrs. Moore secured local employment as a domestic and became known to one Anna L. McGuire, employed in the same house, who carried an account of \$281.16 in the Rochester bank. Mrs. Moore obtained possession of Anna L. McGuire's bank-book and on January 25 Moore went to the bank and opened an account of \$1 in the name of Anna L. McGuirk, who he declared was his niece. Moore then changed the name in

the new book that he had secured from the bank from McGuirk(k) to McGuire(e), merely changing the "k" to an "e," and then duplicated the entries of deposits as they appeared in Miss McGuire's book. He procured a rubber stamp to date the deposits and changed the date of the first deposit from January 25, 1916, to January 25, 1913, and raised the entry of \$1 to \$100 to conform with the entry shown in Miss McGuire's book. The forged bank-book now complete, it was replaced in Miss McGuire's room, and on the day following Mrs. Moore entered the bank with the genuine bank-book and cashed a check for \$250, forging the name of Anna L. McGuire. The bank paid the check and the true character of the transaction was not learned until February 10. Robert Moore is 45 to 50 years, 6 feet, 180 pounds, of slim build, sandy colored hair, is a very neat dresser. Mrs. Moore is 45 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 200 pounds, of dark complexion, is considered good looking. The latter claimed to be from Pittsburgh, Pa.

### YOUTH DENIES OWN SIGNATURE

Attempts to swindle bank by claiming that savings receipt paid against his account is forgery. Later confesses the signing of receipt and securing of cash

The clever attempt of a 16-year-old youth to swindle a Portland, Ore., bank was brought to light on January 28, the facts of which we consider will prove of interest to our readers, and possibly of value at some later date to those who index this Supplement for its criminal record. O. Russell Price of Portland, has carried a savings account in a local bank for some time past. On December 10, this bank paid \$10 to a party representing himself as O. Russell Price, who presented a savings deposit receipt bearing the alleged signature of depositor. Later O. Russell Price and his father came into the bank and each stoutly declared that the signature on the deposit slip was an absolute forgery and that they did not expect the bank to charge this amount against the account. The cashier, however, was of the opinion that the check was not a forgery, and notified our detective agents accordingly. The father and son were directed to the office of our detective agents where specimens of their handwriting were secured and compared with the alleged forged signature appearing on the deposit slip. Young Price remained firm in his statement that he had not signed the receipt and it was only after a lengthy questioning that he broke down and confessed to the writing of the receipt and the securing of the money. He was severely lectured and released upon the bank's request.

### UNDERTAKER VICTIMIZES BANK

San Diego contributes more than \$1,500 to booty of swindler who became partner in local undertaking establishment

During October, 1915, Leon L. Doane came to San Diego, Cal., and called upon Carmichael & McMahon, local undertakers. Doane declared that he had arrived from the East; that he was an undertaker and was desirous of getting into that business in San Diego. He eventually asked if there was any stock in this undertaking establishment which he could purchase and thereby become a member of the firm. After displaying a certificate that pronounced him a graduate

of Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, of New York City, this firm accepted Doane as a partner. The local bank in which Carmichael & McMahon were depositors was notified of the new partnership, and when on or about January 17, Doane appeared in the bank and presented a \$200 check drawn on the National Bank of Norwich, N. Y., in which institution he claimed to carry an account, the bank cashed his check without hesitation. San Diego business men also had faith in Doane and his checks and filled his purse with more than \$1,300; after which the undertaker from New York left San Diego. His checks were all returned as worthless. Doane is 24 years (appears 28), 5 feet 8½ inches, 190 pounds, has dark hair, streaked with gray, which he combs into a pompadour, is smooth shaven, has a prominent lower jaw, dresses in the height of fashion, wears a large solitaire diamond on the left little finger.

### FLEES BAREFOOTED TO LIBERTY

Accepts opportunity of moment and breaks from Ness City jail while sheriff's bullets hasten his flight

Held in the county jail at Ness City, Kan., for the perpetration of a swindle against a local bank, William Schaben, alias A. T. Williamson, on the night of January 23 saw an opportunity to make a bid for liberty and immediately



WILLIAM SCHABEN

took advantage of it. The sheriff had handed him a pail and ordered that it be filled with water at the jail door. The night was extremely dark and on reaching the door Schaben flung the pail from his hand, and in bare feet and without hat or coat, ran at his highest pace into the timber. The sheriff fired five shots in Schaben's direction, but they served only to hasten the fugitive in his flight. Bloodhounds were later put on the trail and traced Schaben for seventeen miles to a point where all further trace was lost. On February 17, 1916, he was rearrested at Little Rock, Ark.

### WARNING

L. ALLEN, a Finlander known also as Alex. Carlson, is wanted by a member of Superior, Wis., on a charge of defrauding by forgery. He is 22 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds, has black hair, large brown eyes, ruddy complexion. He is smooth shaven and has a wart or birthmark under chin, left side.

JIM BARNES has defrauded a Kansas City member in the cashing at Kansas City of check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. He is 30 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, dark complexion, smooth shaven. He wore laborer's clothes.

L. C. BERTHOLD, known also as James L. Keating, several months ago defrauded a member bank at Minot, N. D., in the cashing of a bogus check. This man had been employed by the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, has a thin face, dark hair and blue eyes.

JOHN BICH, Russian, is wanted by a member of Kersey, Colo., on a charge of mortgage swindle.

JOHN CALLERIS, a Greek, recently presented a check on the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hopewell, Va., or \$600 to a member of Lexington, Ky. The check was sent through the usual channels and after ten days, no word having been received from Hopewell, it was paid. It then developed that Calleris had obtained possession of the check through fraud, having already collected the amount from the drawer. A warrant has been sworn out for his arrest at Lexington, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. He was engaged in the restaurant business at Lexington.

H. E. CHAMBERS has defrauded a member of Imperial, Cal., in passing a worthless check drawn on the Bank of Toronto, New Westminster, B. C. He is 40 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 160 pounds; is stooped shouldered. Sheriff at Imperial holds warrant.

LEMUEL CUNNINGHAM, 20 to 24 years of age, formerly of Edelstein, Ill., defrauded a member at Princeville, Ill., in the cashing of a bogus check on January 6. He is 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, has dark hair. A warrant is held for his arrest by the sheriff of Princeville.

F. C. DAVIS, known also as J. G. Davis and R. B. Harris, has defrauded a member of Denver, Colo., in the cashing of worthless checks. Davis is 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 to 150 pounds, of slender build; has dark hair and is smooth shaven. While at Denver Davis talked considerably of Temple and Ft. Worth, Tex.

JOHN ECKER, 23, is wanted by a member of Herington, Kan. It is alleged that this young man forged the name of a depositor to a check which he succeeded in cashing at the Herington bank. He is short in stature and heavy set; has brown eyes and black hair.

R. S. EWART—BILL EWART. The sheriff at Waldron, Ark., has issued a circular in which he offers a reward of \$50 for the arrest of R. S. Ewart and Bill Ewart. It is alleged that these men have a book of checks on the Bank of Waldron in their possession and a deposit slip for \$1,500; that they have no money on deposit; and that they are searching for land on which to make payment and get loans. Ewart is said to be about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, limps slightly on right leg. Bill Ewart is between 33 and 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 155 or 165 pounds, brown hair. Each wore an army overcoat. A warrant is held for their arrest.

HARRY GILMORE, a cook, has swindled a member of Bremerton, Wash., in the cashing of a worthless check. The chief of police at Bremerton holds a warrant for Gilmore's arrest.

ROSS L. GUILL, recently defrauded at Chico, Cal., a member, by forging the name of one of its depositors to a check which he subsequently cashed. He is 23 years, 5 feet 5½ inches, 134 pounds; is a farmer by occupation.

**HOMER HEATHER**, known also as Howard Heather, is wanted by a member of Corning, Ark., on a warrant charging Heather with swindling by forged check. He is 18 to 20 years, 5 feet 4 inches, has light hair and blue eyes.

**FRANK HOCHIK**, during last fall, while employed at Park River, N. D., as a farm hand, forged his employer's name, it is alleged, to a check which he cashed at a local member bank. An endeavor is now being made to effect Hochik's arrest, in which the North Dakota Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association.

**JACK HOFFMAN** has defrauded a member of Paterson, N. J., in the cashing of a check bearing a forged endorsement. Hoffman has been employed as collector for the Newark Steel and Iron Works and on December 28 received a check for \$140.91 from a customer to which he forged his firm's endorsement and secured the cash at the Paterson bank. A warrant is now held for his arrest. He is 22 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds; has curly black hair, blue eyes, is smooth shaven, dresses very neatly.

**J. P. JENSEN, Jr.**, is wanted by a member of Sedgwick, Kan., on a charge of defrauding by forgery. He is 24 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches; 180 to 185 pounds; light hair; speaks with a Danish or Swedish accent.

**ANGELOS KAKENES**, a Greek, 20 to 22 years of age, was recently employed as a bootblack at Harvey, Ill., and forged his employer's name to a check which he cashed at a local bank. Kakenes is said to have gone to Detroit, Mich. He is 5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds, of medium build, very dark complexion. A warrant is held for his arrest.

**B. KAMBER** is alleged to have defrauded a member of Chicago, Ill., in the cashing of a forged check. Kamber is Jewish, 30 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches, 200 pounds, very corpulent, dark complexion, black hair, and has the appearance of a prosperous business man.

**JACOB KEMER** is wanted by a member of Ft. Collins, Colo., on a warrant charging forgery. They allege that he forged a depositor's name to nine checks on which he succeeded in obtaining cash.

**R. E. KING**. A depositor of a member bank at Milwaukee, Ore., recently reported that several cancelled checks returned to him bore his forged signature. The bank had paid on the checks and consequently became the loser. This depositor suspects one R. E. King, a cook who had left his employ. He describes King as 36 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, 150 pounds, his left nostril is slightly disfigured.

**J. W. KIRBY** has attempted to swindle a member of Norfolk, Va., with bogus draft. He is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 156 pounds.

**P. JEROME LOFTUS, Jr.**, is being sought by our detective agents for a member bank at Minneapolis, Minn., who allege that Loftus, Jr., defrauded their institution in the cashing of a check to which he forged the signature of his father, a depositor of the bank. The following description is given of this young man: 22 years of age; 5 feet 9 inches; 150 pounds; slender build; black hair; brown eyes; of fair complexion; has gold bridge work upper front teeth; has a nervous manner and a dissipated appearance.

**JOHN McMULLEN** has passed, at Kansas City, Mo., a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a local bank, which was subsequently paid by the bank drawn upon. He is 35 years, 6 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds and smooth shaven. He wore inexpensive clothing.

**HARRY PARKER**, known also as Joe Crownrich, is suspected of having recently victimized a member at Dallas,

Tex., in the cashing of a \$275 check bearing a forged endorsement. He is 45 to 50 years of age, 200 to 220 pounds, of heavy build, gray hair, gray mustache, has thick eyebrows, and wears glasses with thick lens.

**BERT PHILLIPS**, farm hand, who is known also as "Jimmie" Phillips, has defrauded a bank at Storm Lake, Iowa, in the forging and cashing of five checks. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this matter.

**GEORGE ROBBINS**, who it is alleged has defrauded a Havelock, Iowa, member in the cashing of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor, is now being sought by our agents and the police. Robbins was employed by this depositor as a farm hand. He is 28 to 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, of medium build, smooth shaven.

**JOHN SCOTT**, negro, has defrauded a member of South Jacksonville, Fla., in the forging of his employer's name to seven checks, aggregating \$200, which he cashed in the rooms of this bank.

**G. H. SCHRIEFER**, a farmer, is wanted by a member of Cole Camp, Mo., on a charge of swindling by means of forged notes. Schriever has also defrauded a member at Meta, Mo., in the cashing of a bogus check. He is about 45 years of age, 6 feet, 200 pounds, is broad shouldered, has the appearance of a prosperous farmer and prefers to talk of farming and stock.



H. M. SHAFFER

**H. M. SHAFFER** of Orma, W. Va., is wanted by a member of Spencer, W. Va., on a charge of forgery. It is believed that Shaffer has gone to Akron, Ohio, or Richwood, W. Va.

**DR. ROBERT K. WARDELL**, known also as Robert W. Ahern, William M. Welmont and "Wilmont," has defrauded a member at New York City in the cashing of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. He is 33 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, has red hair, brown eyes, and a florid complexion.

**W. WENGER**, a former yeoman, first class, U. S. Navy, is alleged to have defrauded a member of Philadelphia, Pa.,



in the forging of a check for \$1,280, to which he signed the name of a U. S. Navy lieutenant. Wenger is 21 years of age, 5 feet 3½ inches, 147 pounds, has brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion.



JOHN SOTEROPOULOS

JOHN SOTEROPOULOS in January, 1915, swindled a member at Ellsworth, Kan., by means of a forged check. He is a Greek and prefers to work in shoe shining parlors. He is 33 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 135 to 140 pounds, is slightly stooped.—JOURNAL, October, 1915, page 58.

WILLIAM H. WHEELER recently defrauded a member at San Francisco, Cal., in the cashing of forged checks to the extent of \$3,000. He has been indicted by the Grand Jury at San Francisco. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this case. Wheeler is 43 to 45 years, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches, 140 to 145 pounds, of stocky build, has dark hair, wears nose glasses.

B. YAMADA, alias B. Yashida, alias S. Yamamoto, Japanese, has defrauded a member at Eaton, Colo., in the cashing of a forged check. He is 35 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds.



LOUIS MERRION

## GENERAL

### SNEAK THIEF CAPTURED

Arrested on charge of stealing tray of diamonds from Montreal store. Suspected of implication in numerous bank robberies

Identified as the man who, on December 24, entered the jewelry store of Mapen, Webb & Company, Montreal, Can., and who coolly passed behind the counter and took possession of a tray of diamonds which he placed inside of his coat, passing unmolested out of the store, Louis Merriion, 24, on February 2 was placed under arrest in a rooming house at Boston, Mass., by representatives of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, United States Federal and Boston police officers. Although unidentified by the attaches of banks in New York City and vicinity who have suffered in the operations of a notorious gang of sneak thieves, Merriion is still believed, however, to have implicated himself in these robberies. A woman purchaser, who was in the store of Mapen, Webb & Company, at the time of the theft, was the only one to observe the perpetrator at work, and was led to believe by his composed manner that he was connected with the store. Her suspicions were not aroused until she realized that he had taken the tray into the street.



MRS. J. VERNON WAYTE

### COURT HANDLES DOCTOR'S CASE

After covering Eastern States with wife in swindling tour, doctor is captured and sentenced to prison

During early January a member of Saugerties, N. Y., reported that numerous local merchants had been defrauded by cashing bogus checks for a man and his alleged wife who had recently come into Saugerties and registered at a local hotel as Dr. and Mrs. J. Vernon Wayte, and who after victimizing the town folk, had hastened from Saugerties to continue their operations elsewhere. The police of Waterbury, Conn., on January 23, captured this couple under the name of Dr. and Mrs. Jacques K. Pareant, on a local complaint of swindling. They have since been identified by many hotels and merchants in the East, as clever bogus check operators. When this doctor's case came into court he was sentenced to serve from 3 to 5 years in the Connecticut State Prison; this on a charge of criminal assault upon a 13 year old girl who had been hired as a nurse. On each of 5 counts of fraud, he received a sentence



DR. J. VERNON WAYTE

of 1 year. His alleged wife must serve 6 months in the local jail on each of 2 counts of obtaining money under false pretenses. Dr. J. Vernon Wayte has used also the names, John V. Waite, John V. Layton, Wate, John R. Gayton, Thomas Freeman, etc. In the year 1913, this man defrauded a member at Bernardsville, N. J., by swindle. JOURNAL, June, 1913, page 839.

### TOURED COUNTRY TO CASH CHECKS

Harry D. Hallin confesses to using names of various legitimate concerns on checks of no account which he tendered to hotels and railway ticket offices

The arrest of an individual who has operated throughout the United States against hotels and railway ticket offices, with bogus checks of various concerns, was effected at Gary, Ind., on February 7. He gave his name as Harry D. Hallin and his home as Richland Center, Wis., and confessed that he had used checks of the Crescent Roofing Company of Chicago; the Burbank Lumber Company; the Lockwood Ash Motor Company; the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; the Southern Cypress Mfg. Assoc., and the L. S. Starrett Co. A number of the alias names he used are as follows: Venor Murdock, J. N. Calvin, Robert McShane, G. B. Palmer, Venor Johnson, C. L. Bowers, B. F. Collins, Robert McIlvane, Frank J. Soules, and B. F. Starrett. No banks were defrauded by this operator.

### LOST CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

The First National Bank, Butte, Mont., advises of the loss of certificate of deposit, No. 3711 for \$300, dated November 27, 1915, which was issued to Mrs. Mary E. Hollenbeck, 241 East 24th Street, New York City, N. Y. Payment has been stopped on this certificate at the New York bank.

### LOST OR STOLEN NOTES

Eugene Rosedale, Inc., 38 Vesey Street, New York City, on February 16, advised this department as follows:

"Two notes issued by the Gehlert Coffee Co. of Detroit, Mich., each dated January 15, 1916, payable at the National Bank of Commerce, De-

troit, Mich., to the order of Eugene Rosedale, Inc. 1 for 60 days for \$638.64, the other for 90 days for \$600 have failed to reach this office. Duplicate notes have been issued in place of the ones missing. You are hereby notified that these original notes will not be paid, being cancelled by the makers and notice to that effect being endorsed on the duplicate notes."

CARL ADAIR has recently been sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Neb., on a charge of forgery.

L. E. BARTLETT, 26 years of age, a railroad switchman, on February 4, was arrested at Dolton, Ill., after an unsuccessful attempt to pass a bogus check.

ABRAHAM BERMAN, alias J. Rosenthal, alias E. A. Saks, 21 years of age, was arrested by our agents in New York City on January 25, he having passed several forged checks drawn against a local member.

R. L. BROWN, known also as "Dick Brown," has swindled two individuals at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of bogus checks drawn on the South West Boulevard State Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

A. W. BRUTON recently drew a check against a bank at Noble, La., to which he forged his mother's name and presented it to a bank at Texarkana, Ark. The check was returned marked, "Account closed."

ROY H. BURNS has cashed a bogus check at Pittsburgh, Pa.

ALLEN CLARK, who has represented himself as the owner of valuable oil fields at Calgary, Can., was recently arrested in New York City for the alleged passing of a bogus check.

FRANK H. CLARK is alleged to be cashing bogus checks drawn against the New Haven Bank, N. B. A., New Haven, Conn.

LEONARD J. CLARK, 35 years of age, upon displaying a bank-book and telegram which declared that his wife was depositing money in his behalf, was enabled recently to pass a worthless draft at a Pocatello, Idaho, bank.

CURTIS I. DAYTON, a traveling salesman with residence in New York City, N. Y., has defrauded local merchants in the cashing of worthless checks drawn on the Weehawken Trust Co., Union, N. J.

ANDREW J. DONAHUE is alleged to have passed throughout the country numerous worthless checks drawn against the First National Bank, Mena, Ark., The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Mena, and the Bank of Foreman, Foreman, Ark. He signs these checks "J. Donahue," or "Joseph Donahue." He is 27 or 28 years of age, and is an insurance salesman by occupation.

R. C. DOTSON, 30, known also as William H. Harriman, Walter Alberts, James Hart and James Hall, is drawing bogus checks on a Philadelphia, Pa., bank. He claims to be in the employ of the Lubin Moving Picture Company.

H. C. EASTMAN recently cashed several bogus checks in New York City.

GROZDAN EVANOFF, a Serbian, known also as Jim Papas, Peter Evanatt and Nig Evanoff, has been arrested by our detective agents and the local police at Portland, Ore.,

because of an attempt to defraud a local member by a bogus check.

ARTHUR FALK, 24 years of age, who has used the name Joseph Morris, has passed several bogus checks at Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN FERNIE, known also as Fred C. Jannis, was recently arrested in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the passing of a bogus check.

F. W. FONDER has passed a bogus check at Davis, Okla.

J. L. HALLAND, contractor, 40 years of age, is said to be drawing bogus checks on Stanton, Ia., banks. Omaha, Nebraska and Minneapolis, Minn., are the last known places where Halland has visited.

W. J. HILL, 36, has defrauded an individual of St. Louis, Mo., by means of a bogus check.

G. W. HUNTINGTON, a painter, is suspected of having recently cashed several bogus checks at Montclair, N. J.

R. M. JULIAN is drawing bogus checks against the First National Bank, Holdenville, Okla., which he is cashing throughout Oklahoma. He has also operated at Shelbyville, Tenn.

M. S. KERLEY, 34 years of age, has been arrested at Birmingham, Ala., on a charge of passing bogus checks.

J. P. KILKER, purporting to be a traveling representative of H. E. Messick & Co., Chicago, Ill., has passed a forged check at Crystal Falls, Mich.

JAMES L. KING, 30 to 32 years of age, alleged painter and decorator, is reported by the Rockland Trust Company, Rockland, Mass., as drawing numerous bogus checks on their bank, cashing same at Boston.

BEDFORD LEE. A reward of \$25 is offered by the First State Bank, Beecher, Ill., for the arrest of Bedford Lee, who they claim swindled a customer in the passing of a worthless check. Lee is 36 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, is of dark complexion, smooth shaven, has black wavy hair mixed with gray; speaks with a southern accent; smokes continually, may seek employment or be employed by publishers of newspapers or magazines.

ROBERT B. LEWIS. A forged check of the Walter Wheatley Co., Philadelphia, Pa., made payable to Robert B. Lewis, was recently cashed at Philadelphia. The operator is said to have used also the names R. L. Jones and R. B. L. Shields.

ROBERT McILVANE. Throughout the middle west bogus checks of the Southern Cypress Mfg. Association, Jacksonville, Fla., to the Herald National Bank of Jacksonville are being cashed. There is no Herald National Bank at Jacksonville and the Southern Cypress Mfg. Association is unable to advise as to the identity of the operator, who used the name of Robert McIlvane on the last check.

MISS M. T. MANTER, 30 to 35 years of age, a magazine solicitor, recently passed an alleged bogus check at Montreal, Can.

J. G. MEYER, claiming to represent the Meyer-Grace Co., Merchandise Brokers, 579 Old Arcade Building, Chicago, Ill., recently passed a forged check at St. Louis, Mo. February 1916, Supplement, page 118.

E. L. PERRY. Forged checks of the McTaggart Home Furnishing Company, payable to E. L. Perry, are being cashed by merchants throughout the country.

GUY PIKE, who has used also the name Albert Emerson, is wanted by a member of Rushville, Neb., on a warrant charging forgery. Pike's wife lives at Fortrelle, Ind.

THOMAS A. PROUT, promoter of various schemes, is alleged to have recently passed many bogus checks at Denver, Colo., and Butte, Mont., drawn on the Denver National Bank of Denver and the Silverbow National Bank of Butte.

ROBERT H. REID, 40 years of age, is drawing and cashing bogus checks in New York City against the Bankers Trust Company.

FRED B. RICE, 35 years of age, promoter and former owner of numerous motion picture theaters in Texas, on January 21 was arrested at St. Louis, Mo., on a charge of forgery.

L. SCHWARTZ is drawing bogus checks against the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn., and cashing them throughout the country.

HERBERT SHETTLER, of H. Shettler & Son, Lancaster, N. Y., is said to be issuing numerous worthless checks on a Lancaster bank.

GEORGE SULIVAN. A member at Remsen, N. Y., reports a bogus check drawn by one George Sullivan on the Citizens National Bank of Poland, N. Y., which a depositor cashed.

SAMUEL R. SULLIVAN is drawing bogus checks against the First National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa., which bear the stamp of the Thompson Sullivan Company. Both Sullivan and this company are unknown to the bank.

E. C. TAYLOR, 26 years of age, is wanted at Quinlan, Okla., as a fugitive from justice. Taylor was arrested on a local charge of forgery, but broke jail.

THE VICTORIA MANUFACTURING CO., New Castle, Pa. Bogus checks drawn against The Allegheny Bank & Trust Company, New Castle, Pa., an unexisting institution and signed "The Victoria Mfg. Co., B. F. Wyman, Treasurer," are being passed upon Southern merchants.

OTTO VON STRACK, 40 years of age, has recently defrauded merchants in Philadelphia, Pa., by means of forging checks.

CARTER A. WIGGINS, alias Carter H. Harrison, Jr., has been arrested at Memphis, Tenn. He had attempted to pass a forged check of The Mitchell Tobacco Growers Association, Mitchell, Ind.

E. G. WILSON has passed a forged check at Joplin, Mo.

GEORGE W. WILSON. Numerous inquiries have been made of a Philadelphia member as to the genuineness of drafts made by George W. Wilson, G. L. Little, or George Little. The drafts are entirely bogus and are printed on Green Hammerhill Safety paper, and purport to be signed by an official of this bank.

FRANK ZEIGLER was taken into custody at Morristown, Tenn., at the instance of a member bank after he had attempted to victimize the bank by cashing a check to which he had forged the indorsement of Frank A. Rand, member of the firm Rand & Rand, Philadelphia, Pa.

## FATHER PROSECUTES OWN SON

Tells court of his futile endeavors to keep son on straight road. Resolves at last to let the law take its course and inflict its just punishment

Those present in the San Jose, Cal., courtroom on January 28, when W. H. Reeves received a preliminary hearing on a charge of forgery preferred by a local member bank, wit-

nessed a touching scene when J. J. Reeves, father of the accused, took the stand and told the court of his years of endeavors to keep his son out of jail. The plaintiff told where in young Reeves had forged his father's name to a check through which the bank was obliged to stand a loss. The father related that he had paid the victims of numerous similar forged checks in the past, but had at last resolved that he would hinder the hand of the law no longer and that he was now desirous of seeing his son fully punished. Young Reeves was arrested by our detective agents at San Jose on January 27.

## ARRESTED

### CHICAGO BANK ROBBED OF \$15,162.50

Sensational daylight hold up is rapidly followed by arrest of alleged perpetrators; \$13,652 of bank's money is recovered

With their faces hidden behind masks and their hands clutching loaded pistols, four men at 9 A. M. January 27, 1916, brought their automobile to a stop outside of the Washington Park National Bank, Chicago, entered the bank in a body and demanded that everyone present elevate his hands. Thirty people, numbering bank employees and customers, complied with the order. The hold-up men then called for the paying tellers, and instructed them to open the drawers of their desks and to hand out the contents of each. While the bank employees and customers looked helplessly on, \$15,162.50 was piled into the arm of one of the hold-up men. This man then turned toward the bank door, while his companions guarded his tracks, still covering the people in the bank with their weapons. When all four had backed through the door, they leaped into the waiting auto and sped at a flying pace away from the bank.

The police of Chicago put this case under immediate investigation and within the short space of 36 hours they had the alleged robbers under arrest and had secured a confession from the leader. The five men said to have implicated themselves in the crime, hail from the city of New York and are men with country-wide police records. It is said that they were "imported" to Chicago and hired to commit this offense in order that the present head of the Chicago detective bureau would be seriously discredited and placed in an unfavorable light. The five men accused are as follows:



EDDIE MACK



CHARLES KRAMER



HARRY KRAMER



HARRY FEIN

EDDIE MACK, alleged leader, alias Edward J. Mack, alias Edward Yourke, alias Albert Schwartz, alias Joseph Stewart, alias Edward Jorge, who has been arrested on different occasions for offenses committed in various cities throughout the country.

CHARLES KRAMER, alias "Big Polly," alias Samuel Kramer, alias Charles Miller, who has been arrested at Brooklyn, N. Y., New York, N. Y., New Haven, Conn., Pittsburgh, Pa., etc.

HARRY KRAMER, alias "Little Polly," alias Jack Pollick, alias Harry Lewis, alias John Kramer, alias James Pollick, who has been arrested at Newark, N. J., New York, N. Y., etc.





ALEX. BRODIE

HARRY FEIN, alias Harry Morris, alias Harry Fein, alias Harry Fine, alias Benjamin Fine, who has been arrested at New York, N. Y., Providence, R. I., Minneapolis, Minn., etc.

ALEX. BRODIE, alias Alex. Brody, alias Abe Cohen, alias Harry Goldman, alias Harry Goldberg, who has been arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., etc.



THOMAS McCAMBRIDGE

### CASHIER'S WORK CLEAN CUT

Forestalls attempt to swindle bank, then holds forger at point of gun until arrival of sheriff

C. E. Wailes, cashier of the Bonner County National Bank, Sandpoint, Idaho, has proven himself entirely worthy of the title, "A man of the minute." The clean cut manner in which he landed Thomas McCambridge, forger, in jail is deserving of the highest praise. McCambridge entered the bank at the noon hour, while Mr. Wailes was alone, and presented a check for \$500, payable to bearer and purporting to be drawn by H. F. Samuels, a bank customer. Mr. Wailes at once realized that the check did not bear Mr. Samuels' true signature and that an attempt was being made to swindle the bank. Without hesitation or display of his knowledge, and in order to gain time, Mr. Wailes casually remarked that he would have to look at the account to see that it was in funds. Instead he grasped the telephone and called for the sheriff. McCambridge, however, growing uneasy, turned to leave with a remark that he would return shortly. Anticipating this move, Mr. Wailes declared, "You had better remain." McCambridge mechanically turned toward the bank man and found himself gazing into the mouth of a revolver and the determined eye of Mr. Wailes. He raised

his hands above his head and was found in this position when the sheriff hurried into the bank and took him into custody. On January 28, McCambridge pleaded guilty at Sandpoint and was sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary of 1 to 14 years.

### POSSE CAPTURES BANK ROBBERS

Armed with guns, knives and pitchforks, townsmen chase and capture two bank robbers, then call for rope

On February 11, the Bank of Red Fork, Red Fork, Okla., was held up by two men, who were traced by a large posse of townsmen armed with knives, guns and pitchforks. The hold-up men took refuge in a heavy brush which was surrounded by the posse. At the sheriff's command that they come out or forfeit their lives the two men emerged empty handed. The cries of "get a rope" were many and it was only after much difficulty that the robbers were placed in the security of the Tulsa jail. The bank's money was recovered. The prisoners gave their names as John Schuneman and F. A. Letterman. They are each about 23 years of age.

### ALERT BANKER JAILS SWINDLER

Learning that Charles F. Wise is wanted in Ohio for crime committed against bank, Chambersburg, Pa., official notifies police and has operator arrested

Charles F. Wise, alleged clay buyer for Sebring Brothers Pottery Company, Canton, Ohio, is today confined behind the walls of the Chambersburg, Pa., jail, regretting the ill luck that brought him into the path of Frank A. Zimmerman, secretary and treasurer of the Chambersburg Trust Company, Chambersburg, Pa. Wise recalls how he approached Mr. Zimmerman and tendered two checks for collection; one on a bank at Wellsville, Ohio, and the other on an East Liverpool, Ohio, bank, for \$200 each; how he then produced his personal check for \$50 and requested that it be cashed. Mr. Zimmerman, however, refused to comply with his request, but forwarded the two checks mentioned to the Ohio banks with instructions that he be wired immediately if they were not good. Shortly thereafter word was received that the checks were absolutely bogus, and that the presenter was wanted



CHARLES F. WISE

by the East Liverpool bank. At the instigation of Mr. Zimmerman, Wise was landed in the Chambersburg jail and is now held pending his return to East Liverpool.



JOHN H. FELLOWS

### AGED SEAMAN SENTENCED

Is taken into custody at request of Perth Amboy bank. Claims this as his first arrest and blames liquor as cause of downfall

After defrauding several jewelers and merchants of Perth Amboy, N. J., with bogus checks drawn on a local bank, John H. Fellows, a seaman, 66 years of age, was on January 24 taken into the custody of the Perth Amboy police and lodged in jail. Two days previous, Fellows had entered a member bank at Perth Amboy, declared that he intended to go into business locally; that he had \$2,500 on deposit in Gloucester, Mass., and inquired as to how he could get \$1,700 of this money transferred to the Perth Amboy bank. A draft was drawn on the Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester, Mass., for this amount, which Fellows signed. He was advised that he could not draw against this account for several days. On the following day numerous checks on the Perth Amboy bank came in from local jewelers, merchants, etc., whereupon the Perth Amboy bank wired the Gloucester bank and received a reply to the effect that Fellows was unknown to them. The police were notified and Fellows was arrested on January 24. When interviewed by our agents, he stated that this was his first arrest and that liquor was responsible for his action. On February 8, Fellows received a sentence in the New Jersey State Penitentiary of 1 to 3 years.

### LOAN BROKER ARRESTED

Los Angeles bank tells of its unprofitable experience with individual who represented himself as a loan broker

A member of San Diego, Cal., advises that on May 16, 1915, one John L. Dillon called at their bank and stated to one of the officials that he intended to go into business in San Diego, by opening a loan office, and would make loans on collateral security at high rates of interest. He particularly inquired as to what rate of interest the bank would pay him on an account and represented that his balance would run from \$1,000 to \$4,000. He declared that at times he would

wish to borrow money and put up his collateral loans as security for such loans. He discussed the opening of his account at great length and was very much displeased to learn that he could obtain no interest on his average balance, but thought that the fact that he could borrow money on his loans might offset the loss of the interest on his account which he might secure from a savings institution. Dillon left the bank, remarking that he would call again after considering the matter. He returned on the following day and gave the bank a check for \$1,500 on the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles. He did not ask for any money on the check, but requested that the bank open an account in his name. As he was leaving he asked the bank to cash a check for \$15, which, in consideration of the amount, they did. The Los Angeles bank later advised that Dillon's \$1,500 check was being returned marked, "no account." Dillon was traced and on January 21, was arrested at Los Angeles.

### REPRESENTED SELF AS INSURANCE AGENT

Drew worthless draft on Monmouth, Ill., bank

During January, one R. J. Lee, representing himself as agent for the American Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, appeared at Dyersville, Iowa, to solicit insurance for his company. Eventually he approached a local bank to draw \$20 on his bank at Monmouth, Ill. This money was given to him and his draft was later returned marked "not sufficient funds." The American Life Insurance Company of Des Moines declared that Lee was unknown to them. At Winona, Minn., the arrest of Lee has been effected. He was subsequently returned to Waseca, Minn., where he is now being held awaiting trial. The Iowa Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this matter.

### SUSPECTED OF SWINDLING

Man arrested in Alabama is believed to be professional operator

The arrest of one David Abelson was effected at Anniston, Ala., on February 1 by the local authorities. It is alleged that this man is a clever bank swindler against whose operations banks throughout the South have been repeatedly warned. He has perpetrated his swindles, it is said, by securing the confidence of a responsible business man who will introduce him to a bank where he will make a large cash deposit, after which he will immediately go to another town nearby where he will also make a cash deposit with a bank. He will then return to the first bank and draw on the second, which action he pursues for a week's time or more. Finally he presents for deposit to bank number one, a certified cashier's check on a bank outside of the state. Before bank number one has obtained returns on his certified check, he checks out his balance, plus the amount of the check, and flees. His check is returned as a forgery. Abelson has been returned to Atlanta, Ga., where he is being prosecuted on a local charge. He is believed to have used the names A. M. Cline, D. M. Leet, H. T. Harrison, J. H. Holmes, C. H. Homer, etc. He is a

Russian Jew, 32 to 35 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 to 145 pounds, has blond hair, is near-sighted, wears glasses with heavy lens.

H. B. BRENNER, wanted by a member of Portland, Ore., on a charge of forgery, it being alleged that he forged a depositor's signature to a check which was eventually paid by the bank, was on January 22 arrested at San Francisco, Cal., by our detective agents and the local police. It is said that Brenner has used also the names Paul E. Schreiber, O. M. Turner, William Murray, A. B. McLeod, A. G. Vener, O. M. Wright, L. H. D. Clarke, J. D. Ross, and P. T. Farmer. The Oregon Bankers Association has co-operated with this association in this case. Supplement, February, 1916, page 118.

EARL L. CAMERON, 21 years of age, on January 23 was arrested at Portland, Ore., by our detective agents and the local police on a warrant charging him with the forging and cashing of checks through which a member of Goldendale, Wash., was victimized.



W. E. CLARK

W. E. CLARK mentioned on page 101 of the January, 1916, Supplement as having received through an error of the post office, a registered letter addressed to and intended for another W. E. Clark, which letter contained a check that was cashed by the Clark first referred to, was traced by our detective agents to New Orleans, La., where it developed that Clark on February 5 had been arrested under the name Frederick J. Jenkins on a charge of conspiracy. He is now being held at New Orleans.

JAMES CONNELL, 32, on January 5 was arrested at Chicago, Ill., by the local police on a charge of forgery. A Chicago bank has been put to loss through the operation of this man.

DAN DENT on February 10 was arrested by the authorities of Lineville, Iowa, it being alleged that Dent had swindled a member of Moscow, Kan., in the cashing of a forged check.

EVERETT J. DAVIS. On January 28 a member at Watertown, N. Y., reported to this department a forged check matter perpetrated during June, 1915, by one Everett J. Davis, a sergeant in the Third Infantry, U. S. Army; wherein the bank had suffered a loss of \$50. The Buffalo office of our detective agents put the case under immediate investigation and on February 1 Davis was located at Watertown and arrested by our agents and the local authorities.

THOMAS DOWNS, 17 years of age, on January 29 confessed to the Houston office of our detective agents that he had defrauded a local member in the cashing of several checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. He was turned over to the Houston police and later released on probation until he becomes 21. He used the aliases John Fenny, Edward Wilson, and John Milton.



CHRIST DINGFELDER

CHRIST DINGFELDER, who it is alleged, on October 18, 1915, stole his brother's pass book, forged the latter's signature, and secured \$450 from a Detroit, Mich., member, was on February 15 arrested at Philadelphia, Pa., and held pending his return to Detroit. Supplement, January, 1916, page 102.

J. J. DYKSTRA, alleged traveling auditor for the Associated Tariff Co., Kansas City, Mo., who recently put to loss a member of this Association at Guthrie, Okla., in the cashing of a check drawn upon a fictitious bank (The Citizens Bank, Kansas City, Mo.), has been arrested at Pawhuska, Okla., on a charge of bigamy. It is declared that Dykstra married a 16 year old girl of Pawhuska regardless of the fact that he has a wife and 3 children at Kansas City.

RICHARD E. ENRIGHT, a civil engineer, who has used the names J. C. Greenings and J. C. Greenup was arrested by the authorities of San Francisco, Cal., on February 5 on a charge of passing forged checks. Enright had operated also at Stockton, Cal., where a local member was defrauded in paying on his forged checks. He confessed to these offenses, declaring that poverty had prompted his actions and that this was his first efforts at swindling.

JOSEPH GERCHWIND, 17, known also as G. A. Davis, on January 25 was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., by our detective agents, he having defrauded a member of Kansas City, Kan., in the forging and cashing of a check.

GEORGE SANDS GOODWIN, a writer, who has made Philadelphia, Pa., his headquarters, wanted by a local member on a charge of forgery, on February 14, was arrested at Philadelphia by our detective agents and the local police. It is alleged that Goodwin forged the signature of a depositor to two checks which he cashed at the bank. Goodwin is 45 years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches, 140 pounds, of slim build; has a slight cast in one eye; wears spectacles; is smooth shaven.

ABE GREENSPOON, on January 22, was arrested at Denver, Colo., by our detective agents, at the request of a local member. When taken into custody Greenspoon admitted that he had defrauded this bank by the forging of two checks.

G. F. C. HOUGHTON, 43 years of age, on February 1 was arrested in New York City on a charge of forgery. It is alleged that Houghton while employed as efficiency expert by Lord & Taylor, forged the name of J. H. Emery, president and counsel to a \$1,000 check which he cashed at a New York City hotel. A member bank in New York City paid on this check when it came into their hands and consequently was obliged to stand the loss.

GLENN W. JACKSON, who is reported on page 115 of the February, 1916, Supplement as the party who arrived at Cando, N. D., during December, 1915, to rent the *Cando Record*, a newspaper published at this place, and who defrauded two local banks with bogus checks, after which he hastened from Cando, was on January 26 arrested at Minneapolis, Minn., by our detective agents and the local police and taken to jail where he is being held on the prosecution of a charge filed against him at Minneapolis.

LOUIS LEVY, who has defrauded a member of New York City, N. Y., in the cashing of checks to which he forged the signature of his employer, was on January 31 arrested in New York City by our detective agents and the local police.

ARCH. W. LOONEY, who it is alleged in March, 1915, defrauded a bank at Billings and another at Miles City, Mont., by sending them telegrams reading: "Honor draft two hundred dollars, signed, Arch. W. Looney," to which telegrams he signed the name "Central Lumber and Manufacturing Co.," a fictitious concern, which drafts were cashed for Looney and later returned as bogus, was on January 24 arrested at Chicago, Ill., by our detective agents and the local police. Subsequently Looney was released under \$1,000 bail, but failed to appear at the habeas corpus hearing. He is now declared a fugitive from justice and Sheriff S. W. Matlock of Yellowstone County, Billings, Mont., states his determination to go anywhere in the United States to return Looney should he be arrested. Looney is 34 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, medium build, medium dark complexion, dark eyes and hair, and smooth shaven.

CLIFFORD MARTIN, 21, wanted by a member of Clarinda, Iowa, on a charge of forgery, was on February 8 arrested by our detective agents and the sheriff of Clarinda. The Iowa Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this matter.

J. S. MAYES, who recently defrauded a member of Daytona Beach, Fla., in the cashing of a worthless check, on January 17, was arrested at Jacksonville, Fla., by our detective agents. Mayes has since been released on bond.

BERT PERKINS, 29, on February 16, was arrested at Bedford, Ind., by our detective agents, in the belief that he was the party guilty of defrauding two local member banks in the forging of the signature of two depositors to checks which he cashed at the bank.

MIKE RISENHOOVER, JESSE RISENHOOVER and GRADY CARSEN, who have resided near Heavener, Okla., were recently arrested by the authorities and charged with the robbery of the First National Bank of Heavener, which occurred on December 27, 1915, and in which the hold-up men secured \$7,737. These men are now held in the jail at Poteau, Okla.

HARRY SKILLMAN, representative of *Harpers Weekly*, was recently arrested on charges of swindling, at Forest Depot, Va. This man has defrauded a member at Silver Springs, N. Y., and another at Dunedin, Fla.

C. N. SPENCER, 50 years of age, who has cashed many worthless checks throughout Kansas and defrauded a member of Anthony, Kan., was recently arrested at Mankato, Kan., and returned to Anthony for trial.

H. G. VON HARTEN, wanted by a member of Charleston, S. C., on a warrant charging forgery, was on February 8 arrested at Atlanta, Ga., by a special representative of this Association and held pending his return to Charleston. Von Harten is of German birth, 22 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 176 pounds.

MRS. C. F. YOUNG, alias Mrs. Riese, on February 1 was arrested at Minneapolis, Minn., by our detective agents, it being alleged by a local member that Mrs. Young had defrauded their institution in the cashing of a forged check. The prisoner confessed to this charge and gave the reason that she was penniless and had taken this action in preference to seeking "the primrose path." When brought before the court she was discharged from custody by the judge owing to certain circumstances that warranted such action.



VIRGIL ZAHN

VIRGIL ZAHN, 23 years of age, wanted on a charge of forgery by a member of Seattle, Wash., on January 11 was arrested by the sheriff of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. He will be turned over to the Seattle authorities to face punishment on this charge.

## CONVICTED

MOHAMMED ABDUL AZIZ, forgeries, February 18, 1916, 6 months, New Orleans Parish Prison.

JOSEPH BADIK, forgery, September 13, 1915, 2 years, Philadelphia County prison.

CLYDE C. BURWELL, alias C. C. Wayne, forgery, 6 years, San Quentin, Cal.

A. C. COLE, alias J. A. Brown, swindle, 2 years, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Tex.

JAMES H. CONNELLY, forgery, December 1, 1915; 1 year probation at Minneapolis, Minn.

C. W. COOPER, hold up; February 7, 1916, 5 years, Arkansas State Penitentiary.

CHARLES DALRYMPLE, bogus check; suspended sentence.

THOMAS DOWN, 17, forgeries, arrest reported in this issue; released on probation until he becomes 21 years of age.

PERRY TYSON DWYER, 19 years of age, forgery; November 8, 1915, New York State Reformatory, until 21 years of age.

JOHN H. FELLOWS, bogus checks; February 8, 1916, 1 to 3 years, New Jersey State Prison.

JOSEPH GERCHWIND, forgery; January 26, 1 year suspended sentence.

CLARENCE GOULD, alias C. Bailey, October 15, 1915; 5 months Philadelphia County Prison.



BERT HALL, forgery, indeterminate term, Kansas State Penitentiary.

ARTHUR J. HAMILTON, hold up, January 10, 1916; 12 to 14 years, Colorado State Penitentiary.

HENRY O. HESS, alias C. F. Mueller, 1 to 14 years, Southern Illinois Penitentiary, Menard, Ill.

GLENN W. JACKSON, alias G. W. Jackson; worthless check, February 19, 1915, 6 months in workhouse.

ALEX. KING, known also as Edgar King, bank burglary; August 4, 1915, Federal Prison, Atlanta, Ga.; charge of post-office burglary.

J. W. KINKADE, forgery, January 21, 1916; 5 years suspended sentence.

HARRY W. KOLSTAD, forgery; to be tried as deserter from the United States Army.

BENNY KOLTON, alias L. H. Fisher, alias Lee H. Fabricant, etc., forgeries; February 15, 1915, 6 months, Baltimore, Md., city jail.

THOMAS McCAMBRIDGE, forgery; January 28, 1 to 14 years, Idaho State Penitentiary.

R. H. MILLER, forgery, convicted January 20, 1916 6 months on each 3 charges.

EDWARD MORRISEAU, alias James Monroe, alias Reynolds, worthless checks, January 15, 1916; indeterminate term, State Reformatory, Buena Vista, Colo.

CLEVE NAY, forgery, December 3, 1915; released on 2 years' probation. Agreed to return to his home at Monongah, W. Va.

ERNEST F. NIEMAST, raised check, January, 1916; 6 months, Phillipsburg, Kan., jail.

P. W. OLMSTED, bogus check, indeterminate term; Kansas State Penitentiary.

KENNETH O. PARSONS, forgery, January 21, 1916; 5 year parole; if arrested during this period, will be delivered to Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., for term of 5 to 10 years.

JOHN P. POWELLS, bank burglary, May 4, 1915; Federal Prison, Atlanta, Ga.; charge of post-office burglary.

WALTER J. RUTHER, alias William J. Crawford, alias William J. Novey, alias George E. Ferguson, worthless checks, January 16, 1916; 2 to 4 years, Colorado State Penitentiary.

C. J. SMITH, forgery, January 21, 1916; 1 year and 6 months, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y.

JOSEPH E. SOUCY, alias O. M. Brooks, bogus checks; indeterminate term, Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.

C. N. SPENCER, worthless check; 30 days in Anthony, Kan., jail.

WILLIAM STOKES, alias William Jones, January 25, 1916; indeterminate term, Illinois State Penitentiary.

THOMAS WHITNEY, alias Leonard Shubey, January 24, 1916; 1 year, Essex County Penitentiary, Essex, N. J.

PAT McHUGH, alleged burglary, September 12; released.

MRS. MADELINE TERRY, alias Mae Biggs, alias Mrs. A. Bondell, forgery, released; Grand Jury failed to return true bill.

MRS. C. F. YOUNG, alias Mrs. Reise, February 4 released because of certain circumstances. Court deemed this action the most advisable to take.

## FUGITIVE

ARCH W. LOONEY, alleged swindler, arrest reported in this issue; failed to appear in Chicago courts for habeas corpus hearing.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS.

Abelson, David, suspected swindles, Fort Worth, Tex.

Anderson, George Arthur, forgeries, Guilford, Me.

Andrews, Bob, swindle, Ramseur, N. C.

Apple, Ray, forgery, Chicago, Ill.

Bean, P. W., forgery, McAlester, Okla.

Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston Mass.

Blummer, William B., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Brenner, H. B., forgery, Portland, Ore.

Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.

Burke, William, swindle, Des Moines, Iowa.

Burnett, James, forgery, Tampa, Fla.

Cameron, Earl L., forgery, Goldendale, Wash.

Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Connell, James, forgery, Chicago, Ill.

Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.

Davis, Everett J., forgery, Watertown, N. Y.

Dent, Dan, forgery, Moscow, Kan.

Dillon, John L., swindle, San Diego, Cal.

Dingfelder, Christ, forgery, Detroit, Mich.

Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.

Donner, Henry, forgery, Bayonne, N. J.

Dykstra, J. J., swindle, Guthrie, Okla.

Enright, Richard E., forgery, Stockton, Cal.

Felter, Benjamin, swindle, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Fuller, Winfred A., swindle, Haverhill, Mass.

Geyer, Henry, Mount Vernon, Ia.

Gibson, Ralph, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Goodwin, George Sands, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.

Greenspoon, Abe, forgery, Denver, Colo.

Halbert, C. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Hammond, Allie, bogus checks, Chicago, Ill.

Hoover, Corrie, forgery, Canton, Miss.

Houghton, G. F. C., forgery, New York City.

Jewett, Roland C., worthless checks, Boston, Mass.

Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.

Keltner, Tom, forgery, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Larkin, James T., forgery, Texline, Tex.

Lederman, L., swindle, Sparta, Ill.

Lee, R. J., swindle, Dyersville, Iowa.

Leonard, Jim A., swindle, Lewellen, Neb.

Levy, Louis, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Limber, Paul, forgery, Chicago, Ill.

## RELEASED

ERNEST BUCKLEY, true name John Ernest Polk, suspected of forgery, failed to be indicted by Grand Jury on forgery charges. Still held at Marfa on misdemeanor charge.

JOHN GOODMAN, alleged burglary; released.

McAlister, Arthur, forgery, Plains, Kan.  
 McCarroll, Mrs. Maude, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
 McCarroll, Mrs. Pauline, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
 Mann, Edward, swindle, Carlisle, Ark.  
 Margulies, S., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Martin, Clifford, forgery, Clarinda, Iowa.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Moran, William, forgery, Utica, N. Y.  
 Neary, John, worthless check, Harrison, Neb.  
 Paskill, Billy, worthless check, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Patterson, Harry N., forgery, Ellwood City, Pa.  
 Perkins, Bert, forgery, Bedford, Ind.  
 Perkins, Kennedy, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Posa, Steve, forgery, Red Bank, N. J.  
 Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.  
 Reade, E. A., swindle, Primrose, Neb.  
 Reeves, W. H., forgery, San Jose, Cal.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Sanders, Mrs. S. D., swindle, Baker, Ore.  
 Sartor, Aitken, forgery, Washington, D. C.  
 Schaben, William, swindle, Ness City, Kan.  
 Shelton, Virgil, forgery, Portland, Ore.  
 Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
 Skillman, Harry, swindle, Silver Springs, N. Y.  
 Smith, Armour, forgery, Paducah, Ky.  
 Smith, D. K., swindle, Huntsville, Ala.  
 Smith, Frank, swindle, Wichita, Kan.  
 Soucy, W. A., swindle, Kankakee, Ill.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Terry, James, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Thorne, George Lee, forgery, Riverside, Cal.  
 Todd, Charles M., forgery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Troiana, Alfred, swindle, El Paso, Tex.  
 Van Uffel, Harry F., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Von Harten, H. G., forgery, Charleston, S. C.  
 Walton, Joseph, swindle, Donora, Pa.  
 Wheat, Arthur, forgery, Ellsworth, Kan.  
 Wilson, James F., forgery, Portland, Ore.  
 Wilt, F., forgery, Duncan, Okla.  
 Wise, Charles F., swindle, East Liverpool, Ohio.  
 Zahn, Virgil, forgery, Seattle, Wash.

## BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Brodie, Alex., hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Clark, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Cummings, Robert L., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Driscoll, O. W., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Elliott, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Fein, Harry, hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Hembree, Fred, burglary, Andale, Kan.  
 Higgins, Lige, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 Hoffman, Charles, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Johnson, Charles H., hold up, Stroud, Okla.  
 Kitterman, Joe, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 Kramer, Charles, hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Kramer, Harry, hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Letterman, F. A., hold up, Red Fork, Okla.  
 Mack, Eddie, hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Phillips, P. C., robbery, Long Pine, Neb.  
 Risenhoover, Jesse, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Risenhoover, Mike, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Schuneman, John, hold up, Red Fork, Okla.

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	Awaiting Trial, August 1, 1915.	Arrested since August 1, 1915.	Arrests in February, 1916.	Total.	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Escaped, Insane, Fugitive or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	88	175	32	207	152	48	8	87
Burglars.....	10	3	..	3	8	4	1	..
Hold-up								
Robbers.....	10	12	10	22	14	..	..	18
Sneak Thieves..	..	4	..	4	..	..	1	3
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1. Upon receipt of notification by the General Secretary, Five Nassau Street, New York City, or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check-raising, worthless or bogus checks, swindle, sneak theft, robbery, hold up or burglary therein, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminal. No action, however, will be taken unless immediate notice is given, and **a case once committed to the Association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offence condoned or compromised.** If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, such member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined; or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted. The committee relentlessly pursues both amateur and professional criminals in cases of attempted or successful fraud or crime upon members of the Association but cannot take cognizance of such offenses where perpetrated upon other than members, or of so-called "inside jobs" where the offender is an officer or employee of a member. The committee relies upon the state, county or local authorities to arrange for the extradition and the payment of expense incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work which has not been previously authorized.



# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

L. W. GAMMON, MANAGER  
Five Nassau Street, New York

## MARCH PROTECTIVE WORK

### GREATEST BANK SWINDLER ARRESTED

Man sought over five years is finally captured by teller of Louisiana bank, as result of warning circulars sent broadcast by A. B. A. detective agents. Prisoner identified by numerous members

The greatest swindler who ever planned to victimize a bank is at last under arrest. A man who for five and a half years past has completely outwitted the numerous bank men he approached and the authorities who craved his apprehension, who operated in such a clever manner that no more was known as to his identity on the day before his arrest than on the day when he first perpetrated a fraud, who not only dared



CHARLES STANLEY WALKER

to go back into the same town in which he had operated, but on two occasions entered the same banks twice and cashed his checks, and on still another occasion approached the same teller for the second time and succeeded in his endeavor, is now securely held in jail at Shreveport, La. We refer to none other than "C. W.," the "hypnotizing forger," the "man of mystery."

Every bank in the United States has at different times been warned against this man, but regardless of this fact he still continued to realize on his checks, clearing an average of \$500 a month, until five and a half uninterrupted years of successful swindling were placed to his record. Our detective agents had worked diligently to effect his apprehension, but the swindler left not a single lead to follow.

It could not be ascertained how and where he secured the checks. In every town where he had operated hotel registers were thoroughly searched for his signature. It was evident that he did not stop in these towns for his signature was never found. There was but one person with power to accomplish this man's arrest—a bank paying teller. To locate

and properly warn this teller it became necessary to warn every teller in the country.

In conjunction with its detective agents, the Protective Department planned to circularize the banks again; to issue such a warning that paying tellers could not but heed. In a plain and direct way the swindler's methods were outlined and suggestions were made as to the best action to take toward bringing about the desired results. This warning was headed "To Paying Tellers—Please Read and Please Heed!" During January of this year the circular was sent out from the New York office of the detective agents. The month of January passed and his checks were not reported. February closed with the same result. Perhaps the swindler had entered a bank, beheld the warning circular (which we asked would not be placed in a conspicuous spot) and left the bank, realizing his danger and resolving to quit the game forever, the richer in thousands of dollars. No one aware of his identity knew of his operations. He could live the remaining days of his life in absolute security and freedom.

The day of March 7 arrived. At 11.30 A. M., the New York office of the detective agents called us by telephone. "C. Wade, alias C. Wood, alias C. Weston, the notorious swindler has been arrested by the First National Bank, Shreveport, La.," was their message. The warning had reached the one paying teller it was meant for, out of the thousands to whom it was sent.

We soon learned the facts of the arrest. The swindler had entered the First National Bank of Shreveport, La., approached Patton Hawkins, paying teller, and in friendly tones asked, "How do you do, Mr. Hawkins?" The latter looked up from his work. The man at the window was an entire stranger. At this very moment Mr. Hawkins' thoughts turned to the warning circular he had received from our detective agents. He recalled the words, "This swindler will appear at your window and greet you in a friendly manner and call you by name." He looked closer at the man and realized that he answered the swindler's description in every respect. He took the man's check. It was made payable to C. Warren and endorsed in that name. There were the anticipated initials "C. W." He placed the check alongside of the reproduction in the circular. Its writing was identical. The great swindler was at his window!

Without displaying evidence of his knowledge, Mr. Hawkins quietly addressed C. Warren. "Wait just a moment," he requested, and then endeavored to attract someone to his aid. He was unsuccessful. C. Warren was becoming uneasy. He had never before met with such delay. "Never mind," he quickly remarked. "Let me have back the draft." Mr. Hawkins remained unmoved—the draft clasped in his fingers. For an undecided second Warren stood gazing at the teller, then turned and stepped to the door.

Without a moment's loss of time, Mr. Hawkins left his desk and followed after Warren. Through the streets he

trailed him, until a deputy sheriff was encountered. "Arrest that man," ordered Mr. Hawkins, as he pointed to the fleeing Warren. The officer grasped Warren and the greatest of all bank swindlers who had never before felt the iron hand of the law upon him was arrested! Thoroughly convinced that he had the right man, Mr. Hawkins notified the city police who arrived and took Warren into custody.

At our request, Mr. Patton Hawkins has supplied us with his account of the arrest in his letter as follows:

#### FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SHREVEPORT, LA.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY  
Fiscal Agent of the  
State of Louisiana and Parish of Caddo.

March 9, 1916.

Col. FRED. E. FARNSWORTH, General Secretary,  
American Bankers Association,  
5 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:

Referring to the arrest of the man giving the name of C. Warren here on the 7th instant, I desire to state that the arrest of this man was brought about in the following manner:

Our bank was in receipt of two circulars from the William J. Burns International Detective Agency from their New York and New Orleans offices. The New York circular was received at our bank some time in the early part of January last, and the circular from the New Orleans office was dated January 26. These circulars advised us that the forger in question was known to be operating at points in Mississippi and would be likely to continue his operations in this section.

Both circulars impressed me very much because of the accuracy with which they described the criminal's *modus operandi*, his manner of approaching paying tellers, etc. Consequently when a man giving the above name presented a check of the Commonwealth Trust Company of Houston, Texas, on the First National Bank of Houston, Texas, for \$100, I immediately suspected that he was the party described in the Burns Agency circulars.

When I saw the handwriting on the check my suspicions were confirmed. I asked him to wait a moment thereby detaining him, while I attempted to get an officer. His suspicions were evidently aroused and he said, "Never mind, give me back the draft." When I made no move to return the draft to him he turned and left the bank. I immediately followed until I met a deputy sheriff who placed him under arrest and returned to the bank with him. I then examined the circulars very closely and was thoroughly satisfied on comparing the handwriting contained in the circulars with the draft in question, that he was no doubt the man referred to. The city police were then notified and a representative from that department immediately called at the bank and took charge of the prisoner.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) PATTON HAWKINS,  
Paying Teller, First National Bank.

Hawkins is to be given full and complete credit for having accomplished the most important arrest in the history of this department.

Our detective agents arrived shortly thereafter at Shreveport. Owing to certain conditions, the prisoner, who gave his true name as Charles Stanley Walker, and his address as Chicago, Ill., was placed in the death cell of the local jail. A Burns detective proceeded there and was admitted to his presence. Although this is the first time he was ever jailed (according to our records) Walker was thoroughly composed. He had offered no resistance to his captors. When addressed by the detective he quietly replied, "I have nothing to say."

The prisoner was then photographed and reproductions of his picture forwarded to each bank he had victimized in the years past, with request that our detective agents be advised at once if the photos were identified. On the day following

his arrest he was identified by the cashier of a bank at Meridian, Miss., as the man who on January 6 last, under the name A. West, passed a forged cashier's check upon him.

Investigating at the home address given by Walker, the Burns detectives interviewed a woman who said she was the mother of Charles Stanley Walker. A photograph of the man held at Shreveport was exhibited to her and she immediately proclaimed it as being her son, who, she stated, was an advertising salesman. He had traveled throughout the United States for twenty-eight years, wrote home but once a year and never gave an address other than general delivery. Numerous banks identified the photograph of Walker.

Believing that a complete list of his operations, in which he had been identified, if displayed before Walker would wring a confession from him, our detective agents on the fourth day following the arrest, entered Walker's cell and according to date, name he had used, amount secured, name of bank victimized and its location, advised Walker as to the vast amount of evidence held against him. The prisoner listened to the detectives without a word. They told him that his mother had identified his photograph, then questioned him as to what he had to say in his own behalf. He calmly answered, "Not a word, old pal."

## PLANS FOR PAINT BUSINESS

Swindler victimizes Iowa banks while representing himself as a future resident. States his intention of engaging in paint and paper line

Numerous real estate dealers throughout Iowa have been approached by an operator who stated that his wife and brother were coming to the town to reside; that he and his brother intended to engage in the painting and paperhanging business; and that he would like to rent a house.

After gaining the confidence of these men, this operator asked to be introduced at a bank and upon the strength of the real estate dealer's identification the banks cashed the stranger's checks. In every case these checks were returned as forgeries. The swindler has used the names Arthur Koontz, Tom Kelly, Frank Graham and Fred W. Gray. He is 23 to 25 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, medium build. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the endeavor to apprehend this man.

## SOUTHERN BANKS CAUTIONED

Man of many names conducts check-kiting fraud and secures \$500 as result from Vicksburg member

The Mississippi Bankers Association has issued a warning to the effect that one Thomas D. Pitts, alias Morton A. Norris, alias A. D. Porter, alias R. D. Barnes, alias S. A. McMorris, alias G. Gilbert, is operating a check-kiting fraud in the south. This man makes a preliminary deposit in small amount, then offers a large check for collection and endeavors to draw against it. Many southern banks hold his small deposits. On March 4 he endeavored to fleece banks at Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss., by making a small cash deposit, then offering checks for \$1,000 each on the other town for credit against which he sought to draw \$500 from each bank. He was in both towns the same day and had, therefore, at each bank an

outstanding item of \$1,000 for collection. However, a Vicksburg bank advanced him \$500 and is now loser in that amount. This operator is 25 to 30 years, 6 feet, of slender build, 165 pounds, is smooth shaven, has dark hair and eyes.

## SWINDLER USES REAL ESTATE MAN

California bank reports loss after accepting alleged land buyer's worthless check

When John Smith, reliable real estate man of Stockton, Cal., entered a local bank on February 25, approached the cashier and declared that he had come into the bank for the purpose of introducing Mr. C. A. Crockett who intended to locate at Stockton, the cashier advised the stranger that the bank was at his service. Mr. Crockett thereupon brought forth a check for \$7,473.52 drawn on the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co., Globe, Ariz., and asked that this amount be placed to his credit. The check was not questioned in the least. It was sufficient guarantee that Mr. John Smith, a thoroughly reliable party, had introduced Mr. Crockett to them. So the bank cashier turned a book of checks over to the latter and thanked Mr. Smith for his good favor.

A day later several checks signed by Crockett and presented by local parties were paid by the bank. And then came word from Globe, Ariz., that Crockett's check was entirely worthless and that he had drawn other similar checks upon them.

When the real estate dealer was interviewed he related that Crockett had made all arrangements to purchase a ranch nearby and that he placed all confidence in the stranger. Crockett was not to be found when sought for at Stockton. He is 45 years, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 140 pounds, has iron gray hair, dark complexion, thin face, is smooth shaven. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association toward arresting this man. Sheriff at Stockton offers \$25 for his arrest.

## OPERATES AS BANKER'S SON

Identity of individual who swindled San Francisco banks is unknown to President of Citizens Savings Bank, San Diego, Cal.

Because of the fact that San Francisco bankers failed to ascertain as to his being the son of Mr. I. I. Irwin, president of the Citizens Savings Bank, San Diego, Cal., an individual, 25 years of age, whose identity is still unknown to Mr. Irwin, is to-day richer in several hundred dollars. The victims state that this young man called upon them and presented checks drawn against the Citizens Savings Bank, declaring that his father was president of that institution. At one bank he secured as high as \$200. When Mr. Irwin received word of these transactions he immediately notified the banks that his son was at home at the very time those checks were cashed, that the checks bore forged signatures, and that he was entirely unable to advise as to the identity of the swindler.

## NOURISHED TELLER'S CONFIDENCE

Individual experiences no difficulty in securing cash on worthless check from unsuspecting bank man

After many days spent in the endeavor to win the confidence of the paying teller of a bank at Los Angeles, Cal., Charles W. Tobin, believing that the psychological moment had arrived, on February 15 tendered a worthless check for \$175 to the teller and in the course of a pleasant conversation that followed asked that the check be cashed.

This teller relates that Tobin had carried an account of very small amount in his bank, that he was a frequent and desirable customer and that he had come to know Tobin on friendly terms. Consequently, when on February 15 Tobin approached him with the \$175 check drawn on the Merchants National Bank, Merced, Cal., signed C. C. Crane and declared that Mr. Crane had given him the check to cover the sale of a pony, he did not hesitate in cashing the check for Tobin. A day later the Merced bank notified the teller of the worthlessness of Tobin's check. Our detective agents investigated thoroughly at Los Angeles, but it was evident that Tobin had turned his back upon that city. It has been ascertained that his true name is Ferrier and that he has used also the name W. D. Wilson. He is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the endeavor to locate Tobin.

## TELEPHONE AIDS CHECK SWINDLE

Cashier receives call from party representing himself as well known resident, who asks that cash be given to stranger whose check he has endorsed

The telephone of the cashier of a bank at Madison, Ill., rang. This was the conversation:

Voice—Is this Mr. Brown, cashier?

Cashier—It is.

Voice—Well this is E. H. Schildman.

Cashier—I thought I recognized your voice, Mr. Schildman.

Voice—I have indorsed a check for a man named Louis Horn who has done a little carpenter work for me. He is a stranger in this town and I called up to ask if you would not cash it for him.

Cashier—Send him over, I'll cash his check. By the way—are you coming up to the club to-night?

Voice—I'll be to the club all right. My thanks for cashing the check. Good bye.

A few moments after the cashier had turned from the telephone a man about 35 years of age appeared at the window and presented a check made payable to Louis Horn, drawn on the First National Bank, Roodhouse, Ill., and signed H. C. Smith. It was indorsed E. H. Schildman. "I am Louis Horn," declared the man at the window. Without question the cashier counted out in bills the check's amount and extended it to Horn.

On the following day the Roodhouse National Bank advised that Horn's check was bogus. The cashier of the Madison bank immediately got into communication with E. H. Schildman who declared that he had not telephoned to the bank on the previous day; that he knew of no Louis Horn, and that he had not indorsed the check cashed at the bank. The Madison bank had fallen victim in a clever swindle. They state that Horn is 6 feet, 155 to 160 pounds, of slender build, has a prominent nose and wore blue overalls.

## BANK COMMITS ERROR

\$1,990 check inserted for certification is tendered to improper party who secures its face value in stamps at bank drawn upon

On March 16 a messenger for a New York banking house entered a local bank and inserted at the proper window a check for certification. According to the custom of the bank he was then obliged to step to the next window, where a special officer was stationed to call off the checks that had been certified and to tender them to the proper person. After waiting for a reasonable length of time at this window, the messenger addressed the special officer, stating that his check had not been called off. The officer spoke to the clerk behind the window who advised that the check had been passed out. The messenger then hurried to the bank on which his check was drawn and learned that two minutes before he arrived they had given out revenue stamps to cover the amount of the check, \$1,990.00. The party who received the stamps on the stolen check has not been located.

## SPECIAL ROAD BONDS MISSING

Members are warned that they will be put to loss should they accept or pay interest on these bonds or coupons

On August 16, 1915, an official of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Columbus, Ohio, discovered that \$24,000 worth of Galveston County, Tex., special road bonds were missing from the safety deposit box of the now defunct Columbus Savings & Trust Co.

Coupons attached are payable at 5 per cent. on April 10 and October 10. No coupons were cashed last October. All members are warned against cashing same during April of this year, or at any time they should be presented for payment. The Cleveland office of our detective agents should be notified of any further information secured in regard to these bonds. The numbers of the bonds are as follows: \$1,000, Nos. 38 to 50 inclusive, and No. 221, \$500, Nos. 503, 504, 533 to 536, inclusive, 565 to 578, inclusive. Dated February 15, 1910, due February 15, 1950, optional February 15, 1930.

## WARNING

JOHN ABRAHAM, known also as Warda Viju, Uban Abraham, and John Arhonian, an Armenian, is alleged to have recently called at the establishment of a member at Claremont, N. H., where he had been a depositor for a short time and in which bank his half-brother maintained an account. Obtaining possession of the latter's bank book and using the same for identification, during which time he successfully withstood a finger-print test, Abraham succeeded in two consecutive days in withdrawing all money on deposit.

Abraham has friends of Armenian or Russian extraction in New Britain, Bristol and Meriden, Conn., Yonkers, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill., and members in those cities are particularly requested to watch for the possible appearance of this individual to open an account.

He is 28 years, 6 feet, 160 pounds, of medium build, of very dark complexion, has a small black mustache. He is a foundry laborer by occupation.

F. R. ALEXANDER has defrauded a member of Oswego, N. Y., by check raised from \$5 to \$1,200. He is known also as George Orr and D. C. Daniels, and is 40 to 45 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; wore shabby clothing and had the general appearance of a farmer.

G. FRED AUSTIN, 27, an alleged U. S. Army man, recently attempted to defraud a member at Dallas, Tex., with worthless check. He is 5 feet 2 inches, 130 pounds; has dark hair, wore a soldier's khaki uniform.

L. C. BERTHOLD, alias James L. Keating, has defrauded a Minot, N. D., member by means of a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of Graceville, Minn. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds; has dark hair, blue eyes and a thin face.

JAMES E. BIXLER. There is a warrant held at DuBois, Pa., sworn to by a local member, for the arrest of James E. Bixler. It charges Bixler with forgery. He is being sought by our detective agents who advise that he is 36 years, 6 feet, 150 pounds; has dark brown hair, is a painter and wears poor clothes.

RALPH BOYD has defrauded a member of New Waverly, Tex., in the cashing of a bogus draft on the Willis State Bank, Willis, Tex.

J. H. BROWN, 36, born in Denmark, reared and educated in this country, has swindled two member banks of Jacksonville, Fla., in the cashing of a forged and bogus check. He is an electrical worker, 5 feet 9 inches, 140 pounds; has very light hair, and has an impressive appearance.

A. B. CROUCH is wanted by several member banks throughout Texas. It is stated that he left Temple, Tex., on March 7, after having forged a large number of bills of lading covering shipments of grain. Crouch, for a number



A. B. CROUCH



of years, has been engaged in the grain business and operated offices in both Temple and Ft. Worth, Tex. It is believed that he is headed for Mexico, British Honduras, or South America. Kindly advise this department if you have any information in regard to the present whereabouts of this party. He is 35 to 38 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, of medium build, fair complexion, has grey eyes, light brown hair, dresses in neat and plain clothing. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**JOSEPH BURKE BURNS**, alias William E. Burke, recently defrauded a member at Boston, Mass., through the medium of a forged check. Burns is 25 or 26 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 145 pounds, of light build; has brown hair, is thin featured.

**FRED C. CLARK**, alias A. C. Hull, alias Charles Craig, is being sought by our detective agents for the defrauding on February 3 of a member bank at Reading, Pa. Clark cashed in their rooms a bogus check drawn on the Lehigh Valley National Bank, Bethlehem, Pa. He is 24 to 26 years, 5 feet 7 to 8 inches, of medium build, of light complexion, has light hair. He claimed to come from Harrisburg, Pa., and to have been connected with a steel concern in that city.

**NICK DOBREFF**, Bulgarian, has defrauded a member of Minneapolis, Minn., in the cashing of a bogus check. He is 35 to 38 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, of medium build; speaks with Bulgarian accent; smokes cigars continually.

**M. A. DOWSE**, 35, is reported by a member at Herrington, Kan., as having defrauded their bank by forged check. He is 6 feet, 200 pounds; has a full face; is of dark complexion; appearance of a laborer.

**H. S. FARNUM**, alleged to have used the names J. J. Hendricks and J. J. Fielding, who is wanted by a member of Denver, Colo., on a charge of swindling by worthless checks, recently operated at Kansas City, Mo., where he again succeeded in defrauding a member bank. He is 30 to 40 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, 150 pounds; is of medium build and smooth shaven.

**TONY GRAFFIA**, an Italian, 35 or 40 years of age, has defrauded a member of Los Angeles, Cal., in the cashing of a bogus check bearing a forged indorsement. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 145 to 150 pounds; has a black mustache, and a scar over one of his eyes. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the investigation of this case.

**J. V. HOLMES**, mechanic, 35 years of age, is wanted by a member of Deland, Fla., on a warrant charging Holmes with defrauding by forgery. He is 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 175 pounds, of muscular build. Has a two-inch scar on back of neck.

**ARTHUR KLEIN**, a German, 35 to 40, is alleged to have defrauded a member of Fremont, Neb., in the cashing of a worthless draft drawn on the Farmers National Bank, Madison, Neb.

**G. H. LIBBEY** is wanted by a member of Port Arthur, Tex., on a charge of swindling. It is claimed that Libbey, without authority, drew a draft on C. W. Hahl Co., Houston, Tex., which this firm refused to pay, stating that he merely holds a salesman's contract and works on a commission basis.

**E. W. LINDSTEDT**, 35, is wanted by a member of Buffalo, N. Y., who assert that he defrauded their institution in the securing of certain funds on a forged promissory note. He is 5 feet 10 to 11 inches, 150 to 160 pounds, of medium

slender build; has light hair; blue eyes; is a plain dresser and has the appearance of a farmer.

**J. C. MAHLER**. A member of Longmont, Colo., has been put to loss by one J. C. Mahler, who represented himself as an adding machine salesman for the Roberts Typewriting Co. of Denver. It is alleged that Mahler stole three blank checks from a local concern, forged the signature and secured cash upon the checks. On February 26 he also defrauded a member at Stafford, Kan. He is 25 to 30 years, 5 feet 9 to 11 inches, 135 to 150 pounds.



J. H. MATTHEWS

**J. H. MATTHEWS**. The man whose photograph is inserted is a clever forger and operates exclusively against banks. In one town he steals the checks of doctors, dentists, business houses, etc., and fills them out. In another town he secures a specimen of the signature of a reliable local party, forges that individual's name as indorser to his check, then presents the check to a local bank for payment. He is such a clever penman that numerous banks have become his victims. He is now operating and has used the names R. A. Blanchard, A. M. Fleming, F. A. Elliott, etc. He is 38 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 139 pounds; is of light complexion; has light hair.

**GATTON MILLER**. A member of New Haven, Ky., advises of a fraud that has been perpetrated against their bank by forged note in which they will lose from \$2,000 to \$5,000. It is alleged that Gatton Miller mentioned on this note as principal forged the signature of the party named as security. Miller is 6 feet, 130 to 140 pounds, has dark hair; a long nose; wears a mustache.

**JOE MILLER**, alias J. F. Miller, recently passed a forged check at San Francisco, Cal., through which a local member was defrauded. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; has brown hair and gray eyes. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.

**JOE MOORE**, alias J. H. Moore, alias J. H. Johnson, has put to loss a member of Cleburne, Tex., in the forging of a depositor's signature to nine checks which were cashed outside the bank, but which later passed undetected through their hands. They have issued a warrant for his arrest.

**R. M. MOULTON**, alias C. C. Pitt, C. C. Pitts, R. I. Connors, Jas. S. Williams, S. L. Williams and S. F. Coleman, has been operating extensively in Berkeley, Alameda, and Oakland, Cal., against banks.

His mode of operation is to open an account at a bank depositing \$50 in gold coin. In a day or two he will deposit

\$50 more in coin, thus establishing credit. In the meantime he has opened similar accounts at other banks, and will kite a few checks between them for small amounts, which are promptly paid, and may be drawn to the order of, or signed by, any of the above names. After thus establishing his credit at the banks, he will deposit checks in large sums up to \$400 or \$500 or perhaps several checks for smaller amounts. They may be drawn on the McKinley County Bank, Gallup, N. M., Coal & Iron National Bank of New York City, Bank of Winslow, Winslow, Ariz., or, it is now possible, he may draw these checks against any of the banks in Oakland, Berkeley or Alameda, Cal., he having checks on some of these banks. After establishing himself and securing credit for the large checks, he will draw checks against his account and each time leave the bank short several hundred dollars, as an inquiry from the banks on which the checks are drawn elicits the information that same are absolutely worthless.

He is 35 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 175 pounds, of ruddy complexion; has dark hair and eyes; is well dressed and bears a clean-cut appearance. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the investigation of this case.

EDWARD V. MURPHY, 18, who is wanted at Washington, D. C., on a member's warrant charging forgery, has succeeded in victimizing numerous merchants during the past month by making purchases with bogus checks. After presenting his check Murphy displays a letter on the stationery of a distant firm, which states that he should return to that town immediately as the writer has secured a good position for him. The letter also declares that a check to cover his traveling expenses is enclosed. Murphy relates to his intended victim that his uncle is the sender of this letter. His check bears the same references as the letterhead and appears in the same handwriting. He has operated throughout Pennsylvania, Illinois, Rhode Island, Missouri, etc. He is 5 feet 4 inches, 125 pounds, of medium build; has a freckled face.

H. A. NICHOLS. The Michigan Bankers Association has issued a warning circular reading as follows:

"Members are warned against a party claiming to be H. A. Nichols, who opened an account of \$3 with the Bank of Ealy, McKay & Co., Hale, Mich., in the name of the Red and White Poultry Farm, H. A. Nichols, Prop. He is said to have left Hale for Detroit, withdrawing the \$3 before leaving. This party is said to have lived near Hale at one time. Since withdrawing the above \$3, checks have come in on the bank in sums of \$15 to \$25 in the aggregate amount of about \$300; all within a week, most of the checks were given to commission houses in Detroit. From Detroit he went to Chicago, carrying on similar operations. He answers to the description of 5 feet 8 inches, weight 150 pounds, erect, dark complexion, about 32 years."

J. A. RABB is wanted by a member of Monroe, La., on a charge of cashing a forged check through which the bank suffered a loss. The check was cashed at Monterey, La.

EARL O. REYNOLDS recently defrauded a member at Pocatello, Idaho, by means of a worthless check to which he forged the indorsement of a hotel proprietor. Reynolds is 30 years of age, 5 feet 10½ inches, 160 pounds, of slender build; has light hair. He has a noticeable scar and lump on left side of forehead. He claims to be a prize fighter and wrestler, also a butter and dairyman.



GEORGE ROBBINS

GEORGE ROBBINS is wanted by a member of this Association at Havelock, Ia. on a charge of defrauding by forged checks. The Havelock authorities hold warrant for his arrest. He is 38 years, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet, 163 pounds; has brown eyes and dark hair. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this matter.

JOHN J. RYAN, 35, on February 26, cashed a bogus check at St. Louis, Mo., through which a local member suffered a loss. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 155 to 160 pounds, of stocky build, has thick brown hair.



HARRISON SATTERFIELD

HARRISON SATTERFIELD has been identified as one of the men who on November 24, 1915, entered a member bank at Avant, Okla., and robbed it of \$535.25. He is 26 years, 6 feet, 160 pounds, of slender build; has black hair; dark brown eyes; heavy eyelashes. Four fingers of one hand are reported as crooked.

DOROTHY SEGAL on February 11 opened an account with a member at Philadelphia, Pa., by depositing \$10 in cash. On February 23 she deposited an additional \$10, also a check for \$37.50. A day later she withdrew all of her deposit with exception of \$1.01. Subsequently it was learned that this check had been lost while being sent by mail to the proper party and that the indorsement appearing upon it when presented at the bank was a forgery. Dorothy Segal is Jewish, 26 years (appears 19), 5 feet 3 inches, 120 pounds.

MORRIS STANTON, artist or newspaper cartoonist by occupation, has succeeded in obtaining cash on a draft to which he forged the name of a depositor of a member bank at Hot Springs, Ark. Stanton obtained this money at Fort Worth, Tex., but the bank at Hot Springs has suffered the loss. He is 43 to 45 years, 5 feet 5½ inches, 135 pounds, has dark hair, holds himself erect, and is believed to be addicted to the use of morphine.

ALOIS STEIN, using checks signed Theo. Simpson and forging the indorsement of a customer of a member at Ludington, Mich., has been operating in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich. He claims to be a Belgian, is of medium height, 40 years old, 150 lbs., black hair, wore eyeglasses with very thick lenses, and wore a black mustache. Speaks and tutors in French.

HENRY THOMAS. Checks of the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Co., Kansas City, Mo., numbering from 286 to 291, were recently stolen from the offices of this company. Check 286, payable to Henry Thomas, was cashed by a Kansas City merchant for a negro giving this name. A bank member at Kansas City paid on this check when it came into their hands and are obliged to stand the loss. Thomas is 40 years, 5 feet 8 to 9 inches, of heavy build and wore laborer's clothes.

WALTER C. WEESNER, is wanted and has been indicted for having swindled a member at Summerville, Ga., out of \$324 by means of a forged note.



M. L. WEIL

M. L. WEIL, 51, who for a number of years has been manager of the San Francisco branch of A. C. McClurg Co., of Chicago, is wanted at Elko, Nev., and Merced, Cal., by member banks who charge Weil with defrauding by worthless drafts. Weil was introduced at the banks by unsuspecting business acquaintances. He is 5 feet, 6½ inches, 155 pounds, of medium build; has gray hair. Bertillon measurements: 69.2 74.0 88.5 19.5 15.2 13.8 6.9 26.8 11.9 9.3 46.9. Finger prints: 31/20 r/ O/LM 15. The California Bankers

Association has co-operated with this Association in the endeavor to cause this man's arrest and conviction.

L. J. WHITE, 25 to 30 years, has put to loss a member at Houston, Tex., in the cashing of forged checks. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 148 to 150 pounds; has dark hair and dark eyes, of dark complexion and is smooth shaven.

CHARLES WILKEY, alias J. A. Alexander, 25, is reported by a member of Drumright, Okla., as having negotiated a \$120 check to which the signature was forged. He is 5 feet 8 to 9 inches, 160 pounds; has light hair; is smooth shaven; has a scar on each side of cheek extending from corner of mouth to point of jaw.

## GENERAL TEACHER MADE CAPTIVE

After conducting a country-wide swindling tour, man of learning is lodged in Portland jail

A cell door on March 7 was closed upon George T. Whitfield, 64 years of age, and a teacher of Latin, English, and shorthand, after he had been located in a Portland, Ore.,



GEORGE T. WHITFIELD

hotel by a Burns detective and turned over to the local police.

For many months past this man had been conducting a swindling operation against hotels and merchants throughout the country which had netted him a surprisingly large number of victims.

Whitfield used checks which he had printed, drawn on the Real Estate & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa. On March 7 his supply of those checks became exhausted, so Whitfield approached a Portland, Ore., printer and ordered fifty checks on the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. Suspicious of the man, the proprietor notified the local Burns office and an operative was detailed to trail Whitfield. The latter proceeded to a hotel where he was later questioned by the Burns man and confessed to a country-wide swindling tour. He was then taken to jail where he is now held on a charge of defrauding a Portland hotel. He used the aliases George B. Wilson, George L. Little, G. W. Wilkins, George M. Winslow, Charles B. Whitman, George Williams and George M. Little.



C. H. AUSTERMAN

C. H. AUSTERMAN is wanted by a member of Hood River, Ore., on a charge of defrauding by forgery. While employed as stenographer by a local concern Austerman, who is known also as A. C. Alten and C. H. Austin, forged the name of his employer to several checks and secured cash upon them at the bank. He is 28 years, 5 feet 8½ inches, 149 pounds. JOURNAL-BULLETIN August, 1914, page 113.

M. BARNETT, true name believed to be Milton M. Blume, is alleged to have cashed a worthless check at St. Louis, Mo. Barnett formerly was a chief quartermaster in the United States Army.

F. M. BROOKSHIRE, 45, is drawing worthless checks against the Marion County Bank Company, Marion, Ohio. On February 9 he defrauded a customer of a member bank at Plainfield, Ind.

RICHARD L. BROWN, or R. L. BROWN, 45 to 50 years, is reported as passing bogus checks at Kansas City, Mo.

R. B. BUTLER is reported as drawing worthless checks against the First National Bank, Spearville, Kan.

OSCAR COMPTON, 30, has passed at St. Paul, Minn., a bogus check of the Komo Weather Strip Co., St. Paul, Minn., drawn on a St. Paul bank.

C. E. COON, alleged building contractor, is wanted at Lakewood, Ohio, on a charge of passing a bogus check.

WALTER N. COPELAND, alias C. B. Gibson, alias W. J. Copeland, who has cashed bogus checks throughout the country, was on March 10 arrested at Philadelphia, Pa.

J. CURTIS, H. M. CASH and FRED SCHULTZ are the names used upon worthless drafts of the Conway State Bank, Conway, Tex. (a non-existent institution), which were recently cashed at Wichita, Kan.

FRANK DELANEY, 24, has passed numerous forged checks on hotels and merchants throughout the state of New York. The police of Rochester, N. Y., hold petit larceny warrant for his arrest.

CHARLIE ESTES and TOM CLERGY, who on March 8 held up and robbed the Bank of Stark City, Stark City, Mo., were later captured and sentenced to ten years in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

L. E. EVANS, 35, has cashed a bogus check at Denver, Colo.

SAM F. FISHER, alias Charles Rohrbeck, 26, is under arrest at Ellensburg, Wash., because of an attempt to pass a forged check.

EDWIN A. CURTIS for five years past has caused numerous banks throughout Ohio and Michigan much annoyance in returning to his victims bogus checks drawn upon their banks. Curtis in one town was a painter of signs; in another a representative of a nursery. He used many aliases and many representations. Finally on February 23, 1916, his arrest was accomplished at Tekonsha, Mich. He is known also as C. H. Martin, D. P. Fargo, A. C. Curtis, C. H. Reed, J. A. Simmons, C. Fargo, S. Speth, etc.



EDWIN A. CURTIS

WALTER B. FITZPATRICK is wanted by a member of Mounds, Okla., on a charge of swindle. Fitzpatrick is 32 years, 5 feet 7½ inches, 150 pounds; has thick dark hair; dark eyes. His left arm is off above the elbow.

HARRY FOX, music demonstrator, has cashed a bogus check at South Bethlehem, Pa., drawn on the Ironbound Trust Company, Newark, N. J.

RUGGERO GAMMINO, an Italian, 16 years of age, was on February 8 arrested at San Francisco, Cal., for cashing forged checks.

V. E. GIBSON is drawing bogus checks against the Union National Bank, Wilmington, Del., signed Delaware Electric and Supply Co. A hotel in Mississippi lately reported his operations.

NERO GOZARK, an Italian, 45 to 50 years, is alleged to have passed several worthless checks at San Francisco, Cal.

MARTIN GREEN, alias Martin Becker, 28, has operated with forged checks at Philadelphia, Pa.

G. HAMILTON, 35, signing the name of George L. Payne, is drawing bogus checks against the Humboldt Savings Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

G. D. HUGHES of McKinney, Ky., has cashed a worthless check at Ludlow, Ky.

W. H. JOHNSON, alias J. H. Johnson, 28 to 30, has operated at Chanute, Kan., with forged checks.

WILLIAM MAARSEN, alias L. Lewis, alias Dr. Edwin R. Morrelsen, alias L. Levee, 35, on March 8 was arrested in New York City, N. Y., on charges of cashing bogus checks.



**WILLIAM MANELLA**, 30, who has used the names William Lea and L. Williams, has cashed several bogus checks in New York City.

**EDWARD MARTIN**, alias M. Vischer, alias James Kaffenburg, alias Harry Martin, alias Frank Holtzman, was arrested on February 18 in New York City charged with the passing of a bogus check.

**WALTER E. MATSON**, alias Fred Schriber, 35 years of age, is operating with bogus cashiers' drafts in the vicinity of El Paso, Tex. He exhibits a letter supposed to be signed by Fred H. Schriber, cashier, which states that Mr. Matson has just sold his ranch and asks that the usual courtesies be extended to him. Merchants have cashed these bogus checks.

**F. E. MILLER**, alias Rudolph Martin, alias Gottfried Muller, has been arrested at Union Hill, N. J., charged with passing bogus checks.

**JOE MILLER**, alias Joe Poyman, alias Jack Heckman, alias George Altringer, is held by the police of Minneapolis, Minn., and has confessed to the hold up of the Camden Park State Bank, Minneapolis, perpetrated on February 22, 1916.

**O. W. ODELL**. The Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., reports that an individual using the names O. W. Odell, Dr. G. H. Beach, W. W. Campbell and George L. Odell, is drawing bogus checks against their bank. Automobile supply houses and gasoline stations in particular have cashed these checks.

**R. B. POWELL**, 36, has operated at Smith Center, Kan., with bogus draft signed E. W. Jackson & Co., by H. E. Morgan.

**EDWARD PRAG** has been drawing bogus checks against the Montgomery National Bank, Norristown, Pa., signing the name Mindil Sons Co. He has passed these checks in the south.

**E. F. RANDOLPH**, alias R. C. Bowen, has defrauded two banks of Victoria, Tex., in the cashing of bogus checks.

**CHARLES SCHAACK** is under arrest at Pleasanton, Kan., on a worthless check charge. Sheriff of Clayton, Mo., will take charge of Schaack.

**WILLIAM SHOENEMAN** was arrested on February 18, 1916, by the police department in Allentown, Pa., on a charge of passing bogus checks.

**L. WALTER SINCLAIR**, alias Louis Walter Sinclair, alias Louis W. Demiranda, alias Lewis St. Clair, was on February 25 arrested at Philadelphia, Pa., for passing bogus checks.

**EARL SNYDER**, 24, wanted at Binghamton, N. Y., on charges of forgery, was recently arrested at Mechanicsville and returned to Binghamton.

**GEORGE B. THOMPSON**, 47, has cashed a worthless draft at Plainville, Ind.

**GEORGE TURNER**, 50, has passed a forged check at Princeton, Ind.

**LAWRENCE E. WALL**, alias J. Loraine, alias J. Lawrence and **WHITNEY A. HANSLEY**, are under arrest at San Francisco, Cal., charged with passing worthless checks. Both men are old offenders.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM WARD**, alias Robert Blake, alias Bob Blake, recently swindled several business houses in Hooker, Okla., by means of forged checks. Blake is 23 years, 5 feet 4 inches, 140 pounds; has dark hair and dark eyes.

**WILLIAM R. WEATHERWAX**, 35, has been arrested at St. Louis, Mo., charged with passing worthless checks and impersonating a United States Army officer.

**EDWARD WEISS**, 35, is drawing bogus checks against the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, N. Y.

**GEORGE H. WILSON**, alias Samuel T. Young, alias M. H. Young, alias George H. Riegel, alias David W. Brown, alleged cement worker, has operated in Pennsylvania with forged checks.

## LOST OR STOLEN CHEQUES

A book of American Bankers Association Travelers cheques numbered from 2227638 to 2227652, inclusive, payable to W. A. Reynolds, issued by the First National Bank of Fort Wayne, Ind., have been lost or stolen. These cheques were purchased on January 7, 1916, and bear the date of the day they were sold. Payment has been stopped on same.

## STOLEN CASHIER CHECKS

The Bank of Bisbee, Bisbee, Ariz., has advised that a number of their cashier checks have been stolen from their printers, the Western Lithograph Co. of Wichita, Kan. One of these checks was recently presented to the bank in favor of one D. E. Abbott to which the bank cashier's signature was, of course, forged.

## ARRESTED

### OPERATOR GARBS AS MINISTER

Old offender completely disarms paying teller and secures cash on bogus check

Dignified and solemn with one hand pressed to his bosom and the other clasping a thick book, an individual who gave his name as Rev. Alexander Mullen, recently entered a bank at Summerville, S. C., and in soft tones stated a desire to secure cash on his check. Every outward appearance stamped



FREDERICK A. MULLEN

him as a minister of his creed. When he had inserted the check through the paying teller's window, the Reverend Mullen's fingers dropped to a heavy chain of gold that stretched across his breast and from which there dangled a large cross. He remained calmly twitching the chain until the teller had counted out the necessary cash and extended it toward him. No remarks were made as to his being a stranger and unidentified, and no questions were asked of him. The teller considered that this man as a minister guaranteed the validity of his check. But Alexander Mullen was no minister. On the

contrary, he was a swindler of the highest caliber, a man who had in the past five years caused numerous banks throughout the country serious losses because of his operations, who had spent many days behind jail bars in punishment but had failed to learn his lesson.

When this bank at Summerville learned that they had been defrauded they took such immediate action as resulted in the arrest of the swindler a few days later at Griffin, Ga. Mullen was returned to Summerville and on March 13 was sentenced to serve thirty days in the chain gang. Frederick A. Mullen is believed to be this man's true name. He is known also as Rev. P. Mullen, A. B. Mullen, P. V. Miller, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. D. J. White, Albert Drayle, Albert Brady, etc. He is 37 years, 6 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 167 pounds; has black hair; brown eyes; black mustache. Bertillon measurements: 94.7 99 91.7 19.5 16.1 6.3. 26.6 13.8 10.5 53.3.

### IDENTIFIED AS BANK SWINDLER

Man arrested at Buffalo, N. Y., for defrauding hotels is identified as operator wanted by North Dakota member

When the police of Buffalo, N. Y., on March 8 arrested an individual who had defrauded two local hotels in the cashing of bogus checks, brought him to headquarters and

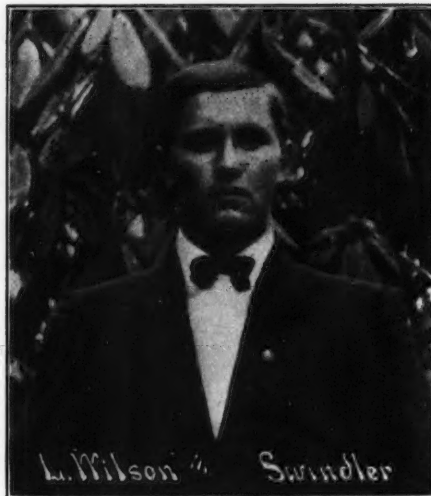


FREDERIC J. BENBOW

demanding his true name, the prisoner replied that he was known as A. J. Morton. When pressed he declared that he had used also the name A. J. Stover. The police advised the Buffalo office of our detective agents of the arrest in hopes that this man would be further identified. However, our agents could not place the prisoner as the subject of any investigation they were conducting in behalf of a member bank and so informed the police.

Morton was again questioned and finally gave his true name as Frederic J. Benbow. Whereupon our agents realized that a man of this name was wanted by a member of Minot, N. D., on a charge of swindling by bogus check. They questioned him along new lines and succeeded in having him confess that he had defrauded the bank referred to.

Besides the names mentioned this operator has also styled himself James L. Keating and L. C. Berthold. He must serve sixty days at Buffalo for the offenses committed there, whence he will be returned to Minot to stand trial on the bank's charge. The North Dakota Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in the investigation of this case.



LLOYD WILSON

### CAPTURE CROWNS LONG HUNT

Trailed by detective agents for period of one year and eight months, Lloyd Wilson is finally located and arrested for Richwood member

Hunted until he was no longer able to elude his persistent pursuers, Lloyd Wilson on March 3, at Sutton, W. Va., was taken into custody by our detective agents. The chase had lasted since July, 1914, when a member of Richwood, W. Va., reported to our detective agents at Pittsburgh, Pa., that Wilson had defrauded them by securing \$180 against the account of another depositor of his name. Wilson admitted the truth of this charge.

FRANK ADAMS. A member bank at Hudson, S. D., recently advised that they were defrauded by means of a forged check through the operations of one Frank Adams. The sheriff of the county was successful in bringing about the arrest of Adams and he is now awaiting trial.

GEORGE W. BETTS, 50, wanted by a member of Caney, Kan., on a swindling charge, has been arrested at Bartlesville, Okla., and returned to Caney for trial. JOURNAL-BULLETIN, November, 1913, page 379; March, 1914, page 636.

JIM BILLINGS, 52, who on February 15, cashed a check which he had raised from \$5.67 to \$50, at a member bank of Bloomington, Neb., was on February 29 arrested at Beatrice, Neb., by the local sheriff for a similar offense committed at Beatrice. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds; has dark brown hair mingled with gray; and has a peaked face.

JOHN CALLERIS, a Greek, traced from Lexington, Ky., to Richmond, Cal., by our detective agent at the request of a Lexington member who had suffered a loss of \$660 through his perpetration of a fraud, was on March 1 arrested at Richmond by our detective agents and held pending his return to Lexington. Page 133 of the March, 1916, Supplement gives an account of the fraud.



FRANK BERNSTEIN

FRANK BERNSTEIN, alias Frank Berg, alias Philip Berg, member of the "Ideal F. C. Co." (Ideal Forged Check Company), who has been involved in the extensive bank swindling operations of that clique, was, on February 21, arrested in New York City by our detective agents and local officers. He is a Russian, 22 years, 5 feet 4½ inches, 120 pounds, of small build, a sign painter by profession. Bertillon measurements: 62.2 66.0 88.2 19.1 15.7 13.7 6.7 25.6 11.4 8.6 43.7.

R. M. COMPTON and WILLIAM CRITTENDEN were arrested on March 8, at Vian, Okla., by the local sheriff, a few hours after they had held up and robbed the First National Bank of Vian of \$3,818.

LUCILE COX, 24 years of age, on February 24 was arrested at Fort Worth, Tex., and charged with defrauding a local bank by forged checks. She is said to be a prostitute and is well known to the Fort Worth police. She is 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds; has light chestnut hair and brown eyes.



GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM

GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM, alias A. J. Anderson, alias Robert Bush Drake, who on February 7 defrauded a member of Spokane, Wash., by means of a bogus draft drawn on a non-existent bank at Grangeville, Idaho, upon which draft he secured cash from his landlady who later cashed it at the Spokane bank, was on February 25 located in the Spokane county jail where he was being held on a charge of forgery. Cunningham confessed to the new charge filed against him and on February 26, was sentenced to serve 1 to 20 years in the Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash. This man has also served seven months in the Washington State Insane Asylum for the murder of a

man at St. Johns, Wash. He is 58 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 127 pounds, of medium build; has gray hair and gray eyes.

LEON L. DOANE, the alleged undertaker who during October, 1915, victimized a bank and numerous merchants at San Diego, Cal., in the cashing of worthless checks, was on February 17, arrested at Gulfport, Miss., by the local police, after he had operated in that vicinity with similar checks. He was held pending his return to San Diego. On page 132 of the March Supplement a further account of this man's transactions is given. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in the investigation of this case.



NIK EVANOFF

NIK EVANOFF, alias Peter Evanatt, alias Jim Pappas, 24, a naturalized Serbian, was recently arrested in the rooms of a Portland, Ore., member while attempting to secure an advance on a worthless draft which he had left for collection. The arrest was made by a representative of the Portland office of our detective agents and a deputy sheriff. Evanoff confessed that he had left similar drafts at two other Portland bank members and that he had just completed serving a term in the county jail at Port Orchard, Wash., for forgery. He was returned to Port Orchard to stand trial on another forgery charge. The Oregon Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the prosecution of this case.

MAXIMILIAN FRIEDMAN, 25, known also as Milton Friedman, who during early February endeavored to defraud a member of Houston, Tex., by means of bogus checks, and who succeeded in securing cash on two such checks from local individuals, was traced by our detective agents from Houston to Los Angeles, Cal., where on February 14 he was taken into custody and held pending further action by the Houston parties. However, as the expense of extradition could not be collected Friedman was given his liberty at Los Angeles after a supply of his blank checks were confiscated by our detective agents. It is believed that Friedman will refrain from any swindling transactions in the future.

MAX GREEN, a German Jew, wanted by a member of Manhattan, Ill., which alleges that he drew draft for \$1,200 against his employers, which the latter refused to credit, has surrendered himself to the authorities at Joliet, Ill. Green has been buying horses for James McCormick of Manhattan. Green is 5 feet 6 inches, 175 pounds, is of heavy build; has very thick lips.

CHRIS KERPS and JAKE RODENBERGER, each 20 to 22 years of age, were recently arrested at Gering, Neb., and returned to Ft. Collins, Colo., where they had defrauded a local member in the forging of a depositor's name to nine checks which they cashed outside the bank, but which were not detected and paid by the bank.



HARRY B. HAMPTON

**HARRY B. HAMPTON** wanted at Silvia, Ill., on a charge of robbery and murder, whose photograph is herewith reproduced, was arrested on February 24 at Detroit, Mich., as George Blair, on a charge of arson filed at Traverse City, Mich. When his case at the latter mentioned city is completed, Hampton will be returned to Silvia, Ill. On December 6, 1912, this man with an accomplice robbed the Bank of Silvia of \$1,500, after fatally beating the cashier into submission. Hampton is known also as Harry B. Howard, Eddie Smith, Michigan Shorty, Michigan Smithy, John Mack, Thomas E. Murray and Thomas E. Cornell.

**R. E. KING**, alleged Ford automobile agent, who during February, 1915, victimized a member bank at Milwaukee, Ore., by forging his employer's name to several checks which passed undetected through the bank's hands, was on February 26 arrested at Los Angeles, Cal., by the local police. King, alias Fred Ball, alias Richard Kingsley, alias R. E. Kingsley, alias E. T. Richards, admitted that he had operated extensively throughout the west with worthless checks. He was returned to Stockton, Cal., and the warrant from Milwaukee has followed him there. King is 36 years, 5 feet 4 inches, 150 pounds; his left nostril is slightly disfigured and exposes the lining of the nose. The Oregon Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in the endeavor to apprehend this operator.

**R. W. LEONARD**, 30, on March 14 was arrested at Jacksonville, Fla., by our agents and a local officer on complaint of a Jacksonville member who charge Leonard with swindling. This man is 6 feet, 200 pounds; has blue eyes; light hair and complexion; a pleasing countenance, and appearance of a prosperous business man.

**ALFRED LOWE**, wanted by a member of Baileyton, Tenn., on a charge of forgery, was, on March 13, arrested by our detective agents near Wichita, Kan., and held pending his return to Baileyton.

**J. G. MEYER**, 30, window decorator by occupation, who has defrauded a member of Lakewood, Ohio, in the cashing of a bogus check, was recently arrested at Minneapolis, Minn., and returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where he had cashed similar bogus checks among its merchants. He is 5 feet 9 inches, 165 pounds.

**HORACE MITCHELL**, who has defrauded a member of Nezperce, Idaho, by means of a check on which payment had been stopped, was recently arrested near San Angelo, Tex. He was returned to Nezperce for trial.

**I. ROSENBERG**. Representing himself as I. Rosenberg of Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 10, a man about 40 years of age secured \$475 from a bank member of Bandon, Ore., on a draft drawn against the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. It later developed that the original

I. Rosenberg had not been to Bandon and that his signature had been forged to the draft in question. We were recently advised by the Bandon institution that the forger has been apprehended at Crescent City, Cal., and will be returned to Oregon. The Oregon Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this investigation.

**G. H. SCHRIEFER**, 45, who has defrauded member banks at Cole Camp and Meta, Mo., in disposing of mortgaged property, was on February 23 located by our detective agents at Scribner, Neb. Schriefer claimed that he had not run away from Cole Camp, but had sought other fields in which to replenish his empty purse and intended then to return and pay his debts to those banks. He was returned to Cole Camp for prosecution.

**JOHN SCOTT**, negro, who has defrauded a member of South Jacksonville, Fla., in the cashing of checks bearing the forged signature of his employer, was, on February 18, recognized in the streets of South Jacksonville by the victimized bank's cashier, who caused his arrest.

**C. W. SELWIG**, who recently defrauded a member of Santa Barbara, Cal., in the forging of his employer's name to a check which he cashed at the bank, was on February 25 arrested at Oakland, Cal., by our detective agents. He used the name Fred Armstrong as an alias. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in this case.

**VOLLIE SHELBY**, 34, who has victimized a member of Mount Pulaski, Ill., in the cashing of a forged check, was on February 25, arrested at Princeton, Ind., by our detective agents and the local authorities. Shelby admitted forging and cashing of the check in question.

**WILL STROZIER**, negro, is held under arrest at Oklahoma City, Okla., for the defrauding of a Tulsa, Okla., member bank by forgery. In his confession Strozier implicated a negro named Will Ford.

**BEATRICE TISCH** and **AMELIA TISCHLER**, 15 years of age each, who defrauded two member banks of New York City on March 8 in the cashing of checks bearing the forged signature of their former employer, were on March 1 arrested at Philadelphia, Pa., by the local police. Immediately after securing the cash on the forged checks these girls had bought themselves an entire new outfit of clothes and hastened to Philadelphia to escape arrest.

## CONVICTED

### CHICAGO BANK ROBBERS SENTENCED

#### Illinois State Penitentiary locks its door upon four men who perpetrated sensational robbery

For the part played in the daring hold up and robbery of the Washington Park National Bank, Chicago, Ill., on January 27, 1916, four men have been sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., to serve an indeterminate term each. The fifth, Eddie Mack, leader, who turned state's evidence has his case still pending. The sentenced men are known as **CHARLES KRAMER**, alias "Big Polly," alias Samuel Kramer, alias Charles Miller, **HARRY KRAMER**, alias "Little Polly," alias Jack Pollick, alias Harry Lewis, alias John Kramer, alias James Polick, **HARRY FEIN**, alias Harry Morris, alias Harry Fein, alias Benjamin Fine, and **ALEX.**



BRODIE, alias Alex. Brody, alias Abe Cohen, alias Harry Goldman, alias Harry Goldberg.

VIRGIL ZAHN, forgery, February 21, 1916, 1 year, Washington State Reformatory, Monroe, Wash.

## SNEAK THIEVES SENTENCED

Men arrested as notorious eastern bank thieves are given light sentences

WILLIAM CLARK, alias Downey, alias Duda, and CHARLES HOFFMAN, alias Letherman, arrested as the thieves who robbed many banks in the east of thousand of dollars, on March 13, 1916, were sentenced to serve three months each in the Blackwell's Island Penitentiary, New York.

JIM BILLINGS, raised check, March 2, 1916, 1 to 20 years, Nebraska State Penitentiary.

DAVID ABELSON, alias A. M. Cline, alias J. H. Homer, etc., forgeries, March 14, 1916, 3 years, Alabama State Penitentiary.

P. W. BEAN, alias Young, alias Dunn, alias McCall, etc., bogus check, 1 to 5 years, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kan.

FRANK BERNSTEIN, alias Berg, forgeries, returned to Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., to serve unexpired term.

GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM, alias Robert Bush Drake, alias A. J. Anderson, bogus draft, February 26, 1916, 1 to 20 years, Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash.

HENRY DONNER, forgeries, February 3, 1916, 13 months, Rahway, N. J., reformatory.

CORRIE HOOVER, forgery, January, 1916, 2 years, Mississippi State Penitentiary.

CHRIS KERPS, forgeries, February, 1916, four indeterminate terms at Buena Vista, Colo., to run consecutively.

PAUL LIMBER, forgery, February 19, 1916, 1 year probation.

ARTHUR McCALISTER, forgery, December 4, 1915, 10 years, reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan. Two year parole granted.

F. A. MULLEN, alias Alexander Mullen, alias Rev. P. Mullen, swindle, March 16, 1916, 30 days, Dorchester County, Ga., chain gang.

HARRY N. PATTERSON, forgery, paroled at New Castle, Pa.

KENNEDY PERKINS, forgery, January, 1916, 2 years, Mississippi State Penitentiary.

E. A. READE, bogus check, February 29, 1916, 12 to 13 months, Nebraska State Penitentiary.

JAKE RODENBERGER, forgeries, February, 1916, 4 indeterminate terms at Buena Vista, Colo., to run consecutively.

C. W. SELWIG, alias Fred Armstrong, forgery, March 13, 1916, 3 years probation.

VIRGIL SHELTON, forgery, February 16, 1916, indeterminate term, Pontiac, Ill., reformatory.

JOSEPH WALTON, forgery, February, 1916, indeterminate term, Pennsylvania Reformatory, Huntington, Pa.

JAMES F. WILSON, forgery, February 16, 1916, indeterminate term, Pontiac, Ill., reformatory.

## RELEASED

MAXIMILIAN FRIEDMAN, bogus checks, released.

RAY APPLE, alleged forgery, February 4, 1915, released; found not guilty.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS.

Adams, Frank, forgery, Hudson, S. D.  
Anderson, George Arthur, forgeries, Guilford, Me.  
Andrews, Bob, swindle, Ramseur, N. C.  
Benbow, Frederic J., bogus check, Minot, N. D.  
Betts, George W., swindle, Caney, Kan.  
Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
Blummer, William B., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Brenner, H. B., forgery, Portland, Orp.  
Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
Burke, William, swindle, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Burnett, James, forgery, Tampa, Fla.  
Callaris, John, swindle, Lexington, Ky.  
Cameron, Earl L., forgery, Goldendale, Wash.  
Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
Connell, James, forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
Cox, Lucile, forgery, Fort Worth, Tex.  
Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Davis, Everett J., forgery, Watertown, N. Y.  
Dent, Dan, forgery, Moscow, Kan.  
Dillon, John L., swindle, San Diego, Cal.  
Dingfelder, Christ, forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
Doane, Leon L., swindle, San Diego, Cal.  
Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Dykstra, J. J., swindle, Guthrie, Okla.  
Enright, Richard E., forgery, Stockton, Cal.  
Evanoff, Nik, worthless draft, Portland, Ore.  
Felter, Benjamin, swindle, New Rochelle, N. Y.  
Fuller, Winfred A., swindle, Haverhill, Mass.  
Geyer, Henry, Mount Vernon, Ia.  
Gibson, Ralph, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Goodwin, George Sands, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
Green, Max, swindle, Manhattan, Ill.  
Greenspoon, Abe, forgery, Denver, Colo.  
Halbert, C. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
Hammond, Allie, bogus checks, Chicago, Ill.  
Houghton, G. F. C., forgery, New York City.  
Jewett, Roland C., worthless checks, Boston, Mass.  
Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
Keltner, Tom, forgery, Fayetteville, Tenn.  
King, R. E., forgery, Milwaukee, Ore.  
Larkin, James T., forgery, Texline, Tex.  
Lederman, L., swindle, Sparta, Ill.  
Lee, R. J., swindle, Dyersville, Iowa.  
Leonard, Jim A., swindle, Lowell, Neb.  
Leonard, R. W., swindle, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Levy, Louis, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
Lowe, Alfred, forgery, Baileytown, Tenn.  
McCarroll, Mrs. Maude, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.  
McCarroll, Mrs. Pauline, forgery, Ponchatoula, La.

Mann, Edward, swindle, Carlisle, Ark.  
 Margulies, S., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Martin, Clifford, forgery, Clarinda, Iowa.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Meyer, J. G., bogus check, Lakewood, Ohio.  
 Mitchell, Horace, swindle, Nezperce, Idaho.  
 Moran, William, forgery, Utica, N. Y.  
 Neary, John, worthless check, Harrison, Neb.  
 Paskill, Billy, worthless check, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Perkins, Bert, forgery, Bedford, Ind.  
 Posa, Steve, forgery, Red Bank, N. J.  
 Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.  
 Reeves, W. H., forgery, San Jose, Cal.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Rosenberg, I., forgery, Bandon, Ore.  
 Sanders, Mrs. S. D., swindle, Baker, Ore.  
 Sartor, Aitken, forgery, Washington, D. C.  
 Schaben, William, swindle, Ness City, Kan.  
 Schriefer, G. H., swindle, Cole Camp, Mo.  
 Scott, John, forgery, South Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Shelby, Vollie, forgery, Mount Pulaski, Ill.  
 Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
 Skillman, Harry, swindle, Silver Springs, N. Y.  
 Smith, Armour, forgery, Paducah, Ky.  
 Smith, D. K., swindle, Huntsville, Ala.  
 Smith, Frank, swindle, Wichita, Kan.  
 Soucy, W. A., swindle, Kankakee, Ill.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Strozier, Will, forgery, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Terry, James, forgery, Houston, Tex.

Thorne, George Lee, forgery, Riverside, Cal.  
 Tisch, Beatrice, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Tischler, Amelia, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Todd, Charles M., forgery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Troiana, Alfred, swindle, El Paso, Tex.  
 Van Uffel, Harry F., forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Von Harten, H. G., forgery, Charleston, S. C.  
 Wheat, Arthur, forgery, Ellsworth, Kan.  
 Wilson, Lloyd, swindle, Richmond, W. Va.  
 Wilt, F., forgery, Duncan, Okla.  
 Wise, Charles F., swindle, East Liverpool, Ohio.

#### BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Compton, R. M., hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Crittenden, William, hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Cummings, Robert L., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Driscoll, O. W., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Elliott, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Hampton, Harry B., robbery, Silvia, Ill.  
 Hembree, Fred, burglary, Andale, Kan.  
 Higgins, Lige, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 Johnson, Charles H., hold up, Stroud, Okla.  
 Kitterman, Joe, hold up, Chautauqua, Kan.  
 Letterman, F. A., hold up, Red Fork, Okla.  
 Mack, Eddie, hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Phillips, P. C., robbery, Long Pine, Neb.  
 Risenhoover, Jesse, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Risenhoover, Mike, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Schuneman, John, hold up, Red Fork, Okla.

#### STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting Trial, August 1, 1915.	Arrested since August 1, 1915.	Arrests in March, 1916.	Total.	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Escaped, Insane, Fugitive or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	88	207	29	236	173	49	8	94
Burglars.....	10	3	..	3	8	4	1	..
Hold-up								
Robbers.....	10	22	3	25	18	..	..	17
Sneak Thieves..	..	4	..	4	2	..	1	1
	108	236	32	268	201	53	10	112



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## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

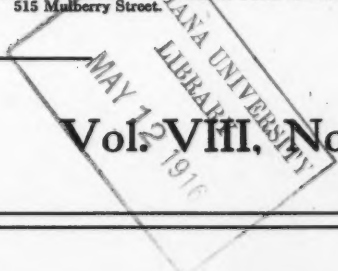
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OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.  
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## ***RULES OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE***

1. Upon receipt of notification by the General Secretary, Five Nassau Street, New York City, or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check-raising, worthless or bogus checks, swindle, sneak theft, robbery, hold up or burglary therein, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminal. No action, however, will be taken unless immediate notice is given, and **a case once committed to the Association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offence condoned or compromised.** If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, such member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined; or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted. The committee relentlessly pursues both amateur and professional criminals in cases of attempted or successful fraud or crime upon members of the Association but cannot take cognizance of such offenses where perpetrated upon other than members, or of so-called "inside jobs" where the offender is an officer or employee of a member. The committee relies upon the state, county or local authorities to arrange for the extradition and the payment of expense incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work which has not been previously authorized.



# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## APRIL PROTECTIVE WORK

### MASTER MUSICIAN IS SWINDLER

Scholar of Rubinstein enchants townsfolk of Villisca, Iowa, by his wonderful musical ability; then perpetrates fraud and flees

Villisca, Iowa, is still unwilling to confess that it has been completely deceived. They consider Francis Paul Schiermann, their beloved vagabond, who entered their town tattered and penniless and who bewildered them beyond comparison by his wonderful musical ability, only as a master musician. They will never look upon him as a swindler. Yet, such he is—musician and swindler of merit. During October Schiermann came to Villisca. He was poorly clad and penniless, but ambitious to secure employment. He was given work by a local dairyman. But Schiermann was found wanting. He was frail and



FRANCIS PAUL SCHIERMANN

tender. His hands were like a woman's. "I never did a hard day's work in my life," he confessed. "I am a musician, and this work is too strenuous for me." Whereupon the dairyman appealed to the townsfolk to pass upon Schiermann's ability as a musician. He was placed at a piano and then at a pipe organ. The playing of this man who had studied abroad under Rubinstein held them spellbound. He was a master. The days that followed were golden ones for Schiermann. Churches, clubs, people of means, called for his services. From vagabond he was transformed to rich idol. Schiermann found it necessary to open a bank account, and when he was called out of town, as he alleged by the Klick Organ Co. to give a number of recitals, and then returned, he was enabled to deposit two checks in large amounts purporting to have been issued to him by the organ company to cover the payment and expense of the recitals. "I owe \$150 to a music company as balance on a piano that I have purchased for teaching. It must be paid at once. How can I manage it?" asked Schiermann of the teller.

"Give them a check," advised the bank man. Their conversation continued and when the musician was about to leave, he declared, "Oh, by the way, I believe it would suit me a little better to give the piano people the cash." This with perfect composure. The \$150 was handed to him and Schiermann left the bank to be seen at Villisca no more. His checks, drawn against the Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Neb., were returned as forgeries. The bank was swindled. It developed that he had also robbed other people of the town. It has since been determined that this man in 1909 and 1910 was arrested at Philadelphia, Pa., on forgery charges. He has served a long sentence in the Eastern State Penitentiary under the name of Henri P. S. Morgan, alias Allen B. Morton. He is 35 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds; he presses his thumbs to his palms and fingers articles as though his thumbs were injured; he speaks German fluently; wears ties characteristic of an artist; dresses neatly; smokes cigarettes; one tooth in front, left side, is missing. Bertillon measurements: 76.8 84.0 91.1 19.1 15.7 14.0 6.2+ 26.5 11.1 8.9 46.1. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in an endeavor to cause the apprehension of this man.

### DEFRAUDS BANKS ON GRAIN BILLS

Engages in grain business at Temple, Tex., secures large advances from member on forged bills of lading then disappears. Woman clerk also missing

A country-wide search is being conducted to effect the apprehension of one A. B. Crouch, head of the A. B. Crouch



MRS. C. A. BUCHANAN

Grain Company, Temple, Tex. It is alleged by local member banks that this man has swindled them out of large sums by securing advances of large amount on forged grain bills of lading. Crouch left Temple on March 6, 1916. One Mrs. C. A. Buchanan, who had acted as his chief clerk and who is



A. B. CROUCH

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also missing from Temple, is believed to be now with Crouch. The latter is 35 to 38 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, of medium build, fair complexion, has light brown hair. Carries himself very erect, is quick in action and an ardent member of Presbyterian church. Has a birthmark on left or right knee about the size of a quarter dollar. Mrs. Buchanan is 35 years, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, 110 to 115 pounds, of slender build, sallow complexion; has dark hair and eyes; walks peculiarly; dresses as a business woman. Will you kindly advise this department if aware or in receipt of information as to the present whereabouts of this couple? The sheriff of Bell County, Tex., has offered rewards of \$250 for the arrest of each.

### THIEVES AND FORGERS UNITE

Clever clique combine forces to conduct swindling crusade against banks

There is a combined clique of thieves and forgers now working towards the victimizing of banks. This is how they proceed: one of their number will call on a doctor or dentist and secure entrance into his office. If the opportunities are afforded him, he will break into the desk and tear several

blank checks from the back of the doctor's check book. He also takes possession of any papers, containing the doctor's penmanship. Then he cuts the telephone wires.

The master penman now plays his part and in short order one of the clique enters a bank with a check and letter of introduction. They are so cleverly forged that the bank man is entirely off his guard. However, as the man at the window is a stranger and the check calls for a large amount the bank man takes his telephone in hand to receive the doctor's confirmation of this transaction. He fails to get a connection, as the wires are cut. To cause no further delay he hands out the cash. Your customers who are doctors or dentists should be warned of this clique and have them report to you loss or theft of any checks. A member at Los Angeles, Cal., recently suffered a loss of \$200 through the operation of this clique.

### MEXICAN NETS FUNDS IN SWINDLE

Secures cash from Laredo bank on forged draft after sending bank forged letter of identification

A large sum of money has gone into the pocket of Senor Cornejo, a Mexican, as a result of his recent successful perpetration of a fraud. A bank at Laredo, Tex., is victim.

Cornejo drew a forged draft through the Banco Nacional de Mexico with which bank our member at Laredo has a current account. Through the mails there had been received a letter (forged) purporting to be on the bank's stationery, enclosing specimen signature of Cornejo for comparison and advising our member of the draft and requesting them to pay it when presented. Inclosed in the same letter was a draft purporting to be drawn by the Banco Nacional de Mexico on its correspondents in New York City for \$7,600 made out in our member's favor with request that same be credited to their account. This draft was paid by the drawee. Cornejo is 5 feet 2 inches, of fair complexion; has the usual dark hair and eyes of a Mexican, and a short mustache. He was attired in dark clothes of quiet pattern; spoke well and presented a highly pleasing appearance. A search is now being made for this man in which the Texas Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association.

### FORGES LETTER OF CREDIT

Former employee of the Greilick Manufacturing Co., Traverse City, Mich., cashes forged letter of credit at South Bend bank.

The Greilick Manufacturing Company, Traverse City, Mich., at one time employed A. F. Ewald, 25, as a traveling salesman. It is this company's custom to issue to their men a letter of credit authorizing them to draw \$50 a week on their bank.

Recently A. F. Ewald entered a bank at South Bend, Ind., announced that he was a traveling salesman of the Greilick Manufacturing Company and exhibited several old credit letters of the company bearing the indorsement of the various banks and concerns who had cashed them for him. Furthermore he was able to display such a letter indorsed by the very bank official he had now approached.

The bank man under the circumstances did not consider that he was taking any chance by cashing another letter for Ewald. Shortly thereafter he learned that Ewald was not in

the employ of the Greilick Company at the time he had presented the second letter and that same was a forgery. Ewald is operating extensively throughout the Middle West. The bank at South Bend holds a warrant for his arrest. He is about 5 feet 7 inches, of light complexion; has light hair, speaks with pronounced Jewish accent.

### JEWELL IS OPERATING

Member banks who have done business with Walter S. Jewell are warned that he is now working on a swindling basis

WALTER S. JEWELL, formerly president of the Jewell and Clark Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, Pa., who since September, 1915, has been in no way officially connected with this company, has defrauded many banks through his representing himself as still in the employ of this company, upon which representation he has been enabled to secure loans and cash worthless checks. Jewell is now employed by J. A. Friedman, Inc., Philadelphia, wholesale and retail stationers.

### NAMES "MICHIGAN TRADESMAN"

Ex-employee of Grand Rapids, Mich., magazine publishers defrauds member

T. M. MCCOY, 35, has since January, 1916, been out of the employ of the *Michigan Tradesman*, a magazine published at Grand Rapids, Mich. However, a Detroit member which knew McCoy was not aware of this fact and when on April 3 the latter entered the bank they readily cashed his draft on the magazine. They now seek his arrest. Several hotels at Grand Rapids have also been swindled by this man. He is 5 feet 10 to 11 inches, 175 pounds, of dark complexion; has a large nose; square jaw.

### NEGRO SCHOOL ATTACHE OPERATING

J. H. Howard is introduced at bank as representative of southern school. Defrauds bank with bogus check

Claiming to represent a colored school in the south, J. H. Howard, a negro about 45 years of age, was recently introduced to a member bank at Adams, Mass., by a customer, where Howard was advanced a sum of money on a check drawn against the First National Bank, Detroit, Mich. This check was returned marked "no account."

### \$100 IS FORGER'S TROPHY

Deposits certified check bearing forged indorsement in Smethport bank and secures \$100 in cash

NED KEEFE recently entered a Smethport, Pa., bank and presented a certified check drawn on the Marine National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., for \$303.85, payable to the order of Ned Keefe and William Eppstein. The check bore the two

indorsements on the back, both being in different handwriting. He claimed that he was located in this city for a couple of weeks; that he was a stock salesman; that he was now selling railroad equipment stock; and that he wished to open an account. He was given \$100 in cash, a New York draft to his order for \$100 and the balance \$103.85 he wished held on a checking account. His check was later returned to Smethport with the statement that the indorsement of William Eppstein was forged.

### IMPERSONATES VICE-PRESIDENT

Man who approaches hotel as bank official passes worthless draft

A hotel at Fort Worth, Tex., has reported that a man recently registered as L. E. Ogg and represented himself as the vice-president of the First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala. They placed faith in his assertion and readily cashed his draft which was returned to them as worthless. The Birmingham bank also proclaimed this man as an impostor.

### INSURANCE ADJUSTER NAMED

Former employee of the R. Gadsden Insurance Adjusters passes bogus checks

Under the representation that he is employed by the R. Gadsden Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill., one George Morris, 40 to 45 years, has been enabled to cash many bogus checks purporting to have been issued to him by this company. A member at Chicago has been defrauded by this man. He is 5 feet 11 inches, of heavy build; has dark hair and complexion. He is not employed by the Gadsden Company.

### ATTEMPTED SWINDLE THWARTED

Endeavors to draw against worthless check deposited with Los Angeles bank

How one William Sawyer, 27 years of age, endeavored to swindle a bank at Los Angeles, Cal., and was thwarted, is told by the bank to our agents.

"On the 14th of March he opened an account with us by depositing \$175 in cash," they relate. "He gave the name of a bank at Phoenix, Ariz., as reference. Shortly after doing so he appeared with a personal check and one drawn on the Phoenix bank for \$325, signed Henry R. Schappe. He requested that we cash them for him. However, his reference had not been investigated and we refused payment on the checks. Whereupon he drew out his deposit of \$175, declaring that he would return when word was received from Phoenix. The check he drew against the Phoenix bank was worthless. Of course, Sawyer has not returned. This man is 27 to 28 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 165 to 170 pounds; has dark hair and is smooth shaven."

## WARNING

By opening accounts with small cash and bogus check deposits and later drawing out the full amount of cash and checks, a swindler has succeeded in securing many bank victims in the month past. His bogus checks are drawn on the Bank of San Pedro, San Pedro, Cal., The Security Trust Co., Bakersfield, Cal., The Pioneer Bank & Trust Co., Salmon, Idaho, The Valley Bank, Phoenix, Ariz., and the Bank of Haywards, Haywards, Cal. He is 26 to 28 years, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches, 145 pounds; has Jewish features; face full and flushed. This man has used the names Gus Benton, B. L. Genig, H. Freeman, L. Cohen, Al. Davis, R. Rosenthal, H. Chapman, and L. Dunlap.



CHARLES G. AINSLIE

CHARLES G. AINSLIE, alias Albert J. Bartlett, alias Thomas J. Wainwright, is wanted by a member at Kansas City, Mo., who claims that he represented himself at their bank as a manufacturer's agent; that he opened an account with two checks against which he drew a large sum of money, which checks were later returned as bogus. He is 40 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, of medium complexion; has a thin face; speaks in a pleasant tone. Bertillon measurements: 75.8 75. 90.7 19. 14.6 13.1 6.3 26.9 11.8 9.5 47.1.

JAMES I. BECKER, 23, has swindled a member at Hot Springs, Ark., in the cashing of a \$150 bogus check. A local hotel also cashed a similar check of \$100 for Becker. He is 5 feet 9 inches, 165 to 175 pounds; has light brown hair. Wore tight-fitting suit, attractive shirt; carried a cane; wore two rings. Becker hails from Denver, Colo.

HENRY BERLIN, 26, is wanted by a member of St. Paul, Minn., on the charge of defrauding their institution in the cashing of a bogus check. He is 5 feet 5 inches, about 150 pounds, of medium build; has light brown hair, rosy cheeks, is smooth shaven. He is of Jewish origin and has worked as a tailor's salesman.

JAMES E. BIXLER, 36, wanted by a member of Dubois, Pa., on a warrant charging swindling by forgery, was, on March 29, arrested about two miles from Sandy Ridge, Pa., by our detective agents.

J. G. BOSSERMAN, an agent for the Gibson mandolin, also a teacher of the guitar and mandolin, is reported by a member of Ottawa, Kan., as having defrauded their bank by disposing of mortgaged property.

LEONARD BOYER, 25, who has followed the occupation of saw milling and tie cutting, has swindled a bank at Piedmont, Mo., by worthless check. He is said to be working south through Arkansas. He is 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds, has dark hair, sandy colored beard. He is crippled in left leg and limps.

ROBERT BRENNON. A member at Minden, Iowa, writes as follows:

"Please find description of a smooth check forger. Writes his name Robert Brennon; goes out in the country and gets a job; talks selling an automobile to the farmer he works for; then goes to the banks; asks for note blank; says he is about to sell farmer an auto and asks if his note is good in the bank for \$300 or \$500; then goes back in a few days with a check and says he has made a cash sale for \$300; puts \$100 on a demand certificate, payable to his sister Florence Brennon who lives in Omaha, being her share in the machine; takes the \$200 in cash and makes his get-away. In the meanwhile he has received a small check from the farmer from which he copies the writing. The small check he has turned over to one Frank Mitchell at Sioux City, Iowa, who evidently knows him and is known at the Mid-West Bank, Sioux City, Iowa, as there this man Mitchell cashed the small check which was first indorsed by Robert Brennon and then by Frank Mitchell and cashed at above bank about March 12 or 13, 1916. Indorses his name by writing vertical or almost backhand and fills the face in as near as possible as the farmer writes it. He is a man about 25 to 28 years, has dark hair and brown eyes, is smooth shaven, about 5 feet 10 inches high, weighs about 135 pounds; wore small cap, dark overcoat and suit; has scar on right side of chin; says he wants to go in the Hooker business, buying butter and eggs and selling groceries through the country." The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.

HOWARD BURNSIDE, electrician, 28, has swindled a member at West Orange, N. J., in the cashing of a bogus check. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds, of stocky build, sallow complexion, has dark hair and gray eyes.



ED. DARNELL

ED. DARNELL, who recently has operated a cotton gin at Matador, Tex., is reported by a member of that place as having cashed bogus checks on their bank amounting to from \$1,000 to \$1,500. He also defrauded this member in the selling of mortgaged property. Darnell is 5 feet 10 inches,



160 pounds; has red and wavy hair, thick lips. It is believed Darnell has set out for Canada.

**HUGH C. CRANE**, who has defrauded merchants throughout the country with bogus checks drawn on the Commercial State Bank, Birmingham, Ala., an institution recently taken over by the American Trust and Savings Bank, also on the First National Bank of Birmingham against the supposed account of the Acme Adjustment Company, is reported as again actively operating. Crane's method is to present himself to a banker and declare that he is on his way to his home at Birmingham but has overspent himself; then presents his bogus check. He wears a Masonic emblem and poses as a Mason, though he has long since been expelled from his lodge. He is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds; claims to be an attorney or doctor.

**CHESTER A. DEVOE**, alleged business manager of the Moving Picture Operators' Union, Chicago, Ill., has swindled a member bank at Bay St. Louis, Miss., in the cashing of a worthless check. DeVoe traveled through Bay St. Louis in a Chalmers car bearing a Louisiana license.

**O. E. DICKSON** is wanted by a member of Drumright, Okla., on a charge of swindling by the disposing of mortgaged property.

**PHILLIP GREENBERG**, 20, is wanted by a member of Cleveland, Ohio, on a warrant charging Greenberg with defrauding by bogus check. He is 5 feet 3 inches, 125 pounds, of fair complexion, has black hair and dark eyes. Pool halls attract his patronage.

**GEORGE KATZ**, 22 years, who recently forged the name of the proprietor of the Jewish World Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa., to two checks which he secured cash upon at a local bank, is now wanted on a warrant charging forgery. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 135 to 140 pounds, of medium slender build, untidy appearance. He has Jewish features.



L. S. KINGSBURY

**L. S. KINGSBURY**, noted swindler, on March 19, cashed a bogus check in the rooms of a member at Antioch, Cal. He was known to this bank as a representative of the Occidental Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles, Cal. This man has posed as L. M. S. Kingsberry, H. King, Sidney L. King, etc. He is a swindler of extended record and we hope his apprehension will soon be brought about. He is 31 years, 5 feet 8½ inches, 223 pounds; has brown hair and blue eyes. Bertillon measurements: 74.5 81.0 96.8 19.3 16.0 6.5 27.0 11.2 8.5 46.3.

**HANS KOLBACH**, 40, claiming to be an official subscription collector of the New York *Staats-Zeitung*, a German newspaper, recently stopped at a Louisville, Ky., hotel and secured possession of several of their blank checks. He then proceeded to Chicago, Ill., where he forged and cashed three

of these checks. A Louisville member passed upon them and became the victim. While at Chicago he claimed to represent A. Bielenberg & Co., paint manufacturers, 169 Front Street, New York City. He is 5 feet 9 to 10 inches, 200 pounds, of stout build, ruddy complexion, large nose.

**J. M. McCLELLAN** without authority recently drew a draft against the Western Music Co., Jefferson, Ga., securing the money at a Jefferson member bank.

**M. R. McKIBBIN**, 40, on April 3 defrauded a member at Alton, Ill., in the cashing of a check to which the indorsement of a responsible local party had been forged. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, of dark complexion. We believe this operator is none other than J. H. Matthews whose photograph is inserted on page 151 of the April Supplement.

**HENRY MILLER**, 54, a man of education but fond of liquor, recently cashed a forged check at a Perkasio, Pa., member bank, thereby putting the latter to loss. He is 170 to 175 pounds, has gray hair and a closely cropped gray mustache. Alcoholic appearance.

**J. H. MORTON**, who represents himself as a traveling salesman for the Hanan Shoe Co., recently cashed a worthless check at Canton, Miss., thereby defrauding a member. He is 5 feet 9 or 10 inches, 160 to 165 pounds, has gray hair.



EDWARD V. MURPHY

**EDWARD V. MURPHY**, regarding whom an article is inserted on page 152 of the April, 1916, Supplement, has been identified as having used the following aliases: Carl Lamb, James McKeon, James Jackson, Ed. Barrington, William Carr, Babe Lamb, James B. Lowry, James B. Henshaw, etc. A member at Washington, D. C., holds warrant for this man's arrest charging forgery. He is 26 years, 5 feet 9¼ inches, 131 pounds, of fair complexion, slight build. Bertillon measurements: 75.5 78.2 90.3 18.9 16.1 13.6 6.4 26.6 11.9 9.3 48.0.

**B. F. ROBERTS**, 28, who, on February 7, cashed a forged check in the rooms of a member at Pen Argyl, Pa., is now wanted on this swindling charge. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 130 to 135 pounds, of slim build; has black hair and the appearance of a laborer.

**JOHN SANDERS**, alias W. R. Myers, alias H. R. Meyers, alias C. W. Locket, alias J. M. Hunter, 40 to 45, is wanted by a member at Edina, Mo., on a charge of forgery. It is related that this man forged the name of a depositor to several checks which he passed upon merchants and which were paid when they came into the bank's hands. He is 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet, 180 to 200 pounds; has dark hair tinged with gray; has the appearance of a farmer.

F. M. SEXON is wanted by a member of Commerce, Okla., on a charge of swindling by mortgaging another's property.

JOHN TAYLOR, 37 to 40, formerly a traveling salesman for Gildenhause & Company, Centralia, Ill., whose home is at DuQuoin, Ill., recently approached a member at Sparta, Ill., and on the strength of his having bought exchange from the bank when he was with Gildenhause, he was enabled to cash a check on the First & Trust Bank of DuQuoin, signed Emma A. Taylor per John Taylor, which was returned on account of insufficient funds. This man is 6 feet, of slim build; has dark hair, and dark mustache.

KING TERRELL. A member of Annapolis, Md., reports that on August 10, 1915, one King Terrell, an assistant paymaster in the U. S. Navy, stated a desire to borrow \$350. He was given a note and instructed to secure two indorsers of repute. Terrell returned to the bank with the note indorsed in the names of the assistant surgeon, U. S. N., and an ensign, U. S. N. As the latter were known to the bank officials and the signatures appearing upon the note were believed genuine, the bank advanced Terrell the \$350 on this seven months' note. When that number of months had elapsed it was then learned that Terrell had forged the names given as indorsers. Owing to several shady transactions that Terrell had conducted while in the service he was discharged a short time before this note came due. Our agents are now conducting a search for Terrell. He is 25 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 147 pounds; has blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion.

WILLIS EDGAR TURNER, alias W. B. Haney, has swindled a member of Oatman, Ariz., in the cashing of two bogus checks. He is 6 feet, 160 pounds; has dark hair and a short mustache.

SAM WASHINGTON, a negro, 65 years of age, on April 4 presented to a member at Philadelphia, Pa., the pass book of a depositor stating that he had been sent by the latter to withdraw \$25. A receipt was made out for the money and Washington was requested to obtain the depositor's signature thereto and that of one witness. He apparently did so and soon returned, handing in this receipt bearing the alleged signature of the depositor and of a local party. Being able to identify himself as Sam Washington he was given the \$25. It later developed that Washington had forged both the depositor's and local party's signature to this order. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds; has a scar on the left side of face, gray hair; teeth in front of mouth missing.

J. E. WILLIAMS, alias Raymond Smith, has swindled a member of Drumright, Okla., in the cashing of checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor.

## GENERAL

### HOTELS PREYED UPON

Clique of clever swindlers are conducting country-wide tour. Members urged to notify their hotel customers

Hotels throughout the country are being operated against by a clique of swindlers who assume the roles of salesmen for New York City merchandise houses and present forged checks for cash. These men secured a large number of checks of the Commercial Trust Company and the Harriman National

Bank, New York City, and brought them to a printer in order that he might fill in the name of a reliable house. They also had printed a supply of letterheads and cards of the concerns in question, then set out to prey upon hotels. Sunday night, March 26, one of their number who had registered in a large hotel in the metropolitan city, approached the cashier and asked cash on one of these checks. The hotel man hesitated, whereupon the swindler, who used the name Martin M. Marks, extended a card which purported to identify him as the representative of C. Stern & Mayer, New York. He also exhibited a letter from his employers, relating to their forwarding this check to him to cover his expenses. At this moment a man of prosperous business appearance stepped up to Marks, called him by name and held him in open conversation. The hotel cashier "fell" for this stall (this second man was a member of the band) and without further delay the \$110 was turned over to Marks. The clique has operated throughout the country and many hotels have become their victims. They are Jews and have used the names Alex Berger, Joe Hirschberg, L. S. Mayer, Charles Loeb, Allen Lowenstein, H. L. Burgher, R. L. Davis, Jack Blook, Sam Roth, etc.

H. A. BERG is alleged to have passed a forged check at Weehawken, N. J.

R. M. BERRIAN. A member bank at St. Louis, Mo., reports the operation of one R. M. Berrian, who has defrauded merchants in St. Louis, Mo., and Chicago, Ill., by means of forged checks, drawn on their bank.

FRED W. CARTER, 35 to 40, is drawing forged cashier's checks on the Bank of Nimmons, Nimmons, Ark. He has operated in the vicinity of Fulton, Ky.

A. J. CONNER, alias Carl Manford, A. J. Williams, C. E. Milling, A. S. Williams, who has swindled two non-member banks at Belton, Tex., with bogus drafts of \$10,000 and \$20,000, receiving an amount in advance, was arrested recently at Wapello, Iowa, and held on a local charge.

ROY E. DAVIS is wanted by a member of Boonsville, Tex., on a charge of swindling.

FRANK M. DICKINSON, alias J. F. Russel, is drawing bogus checks on the Springfield National Bank, Springfield, Mass. These checks he evidently had printed at his own direction as they are untrue to the form now in use by the bank. The last known places at which he has operated are Wilmington, N. C., and Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH DONNELLY, 35, has cashed at LaCrosse, Wis., several forged checks of the LaCrosse Cracker & Candy Company and the North Star Cement Company.

CARL DOWNEY, 40 to 45, is alleged to have forged indorsements to several cashier's checks which were lost or stolen. Hotels at Fort Worth, Tex., cashed same.

EMIL DRIGGS, 27, has perpetrated a fraud against a member of New York, N. Y.

ARTHUR DUQUETTE, alias Herbert Leach, alias Elton Stoddard, alias Harry Weeks, who has cashed forged checks at Keene, N. H., was, on March 20, arrested at Keene.

O. FRANKLIN and W. L. LLOYD, termed "the drug-store swindlers," are under arrest at Quincy, Ill., following a forged check tour of the central and western states. They are known also as David Lloyd, William H. Cleary, H. F. Lang, A. R. Wood, Walter Hufnagel, etc.

T. E. GARRETT, 35, has passed several forged certified checks at Columbia, Ala.

CHARLES EDMUND HILSEY, 40, who promotes a trading stamp proposition and solicits advertisements for the

*Texas Life Magazine*, is operating on the western coast with worthless checks.

E. D. HOLMES, 27, has defrauded several hotels throughout Kansas with forged cashier's checks of the Vinita National Bank, Vinita, Okla., which checks he stole from an Oklahoma City, Okla., printing establishment.

L. J. JAMISON, alias Henry J. Tucker, alias William C. Conway, 35, has cashed numerous checks at Des Moines, Iowa, purporting to be drawn by the Baldwin Manufacturing Company against the United States National Bank, Omaha, Neb.

B. E. JOHNSON, 20 to 30 years, recently forged several checks at Pittsburgh, Pa., but did not succeed in cashing them.

DR. A. H. KAHN, 27, has passed a forged check at Birmingham, Ala.

MILTON CHARLES KATZ, 30, on April 1 was arrested at Boston, Mass., charged with cashing bogus checks drawn on the Hartford Trust Co., Hartford, Conn. He also operated in New York City.

EMIL KOVAL, alias Joseph Kovak, recently passed two bogus checks at Cicero, Ill. He represented himself as a druggist.

M. S. LEARY, alias William Young, alias Dougherty, who has passed forged checks at Chester, Pa., and Norfolk, Va., was, on April 8, arrested at Camden, N. J.

HARRY E. MARSHALL, 30, alleged sales agent for the Marshall Sales Company, Jacksonville, Fla., recently cashed a bogus check at Los Angeles, Cal.

JAMES MILLER, negro, has cashed a forged check at Mulberry, Kan.

M. O. MILLS, alias J. B. Wagner, alias F. O. Smith, 43, has operated at Cincinnati, Ohio, with bogus cashier's checks. He represented himself as an engineer for the Pennsylvania Steel Construction Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

OTIS M. MOORE. Representing himself as Otis M. Moore, a railroad conductor, 40 years of age, on April 3 succeeded in defrauding several merchants of Mattoon, Ill., in the cashing of bogus checks.

H. C. PAYNE, 35, is passing bogus checks in California.

RAYMOND E. RANDELS, alias Charles H. Gann, Anthony Webber, S. E. Nichols, Fred G. Kingsley, George R. Barkley, Samuel G. Armstrong, burglar and forger, was, on March 11, arrested at Buffalo, N. Y.

F. E. RUSSELL is drawing bogus checks at New Haven, Conn., against the New Haven Bank, N. B. A.

JOHN A. SCHMITT recently cashed a bogus check at Freeport, L. I., drawn against the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, N. Y.

A. L. SHANNON at Newark, N. J., is drawing bogus checks against Edward B. Smith & Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

RALPH CHARLES SIMMONS on March 31, was arrested by the police of Boston, Mass. He confessed to passing forged checks at Chicago and Rockford, Ill., Dearborn, Mich., San Francisco, Cal., Lincoln, Neb., and Skowhegan, Me.

DAVE SIMON, 40, is cashing at Kansas City, Mo., bogus checks drawn against the Pioneer Trust Company of Kansas City.

E. B. SMITH is drawing bogus checks against the First National Bank, Redlands, Cal. Detroit, Mich., has reported

these checks. This bank has a legitimate depositor of this name.

JOE SMITH, 24, has passed several forged checks at Robinson, Ill.

WM. R. SMITH, Jr., 19, was on April 3 arrested at Sacramento, Cal., after he had held up and robbed the Oak Park Branch of the Sacramento Bank of \$1,000.

E. V. STORY, who has used also the names P. J. Connell, and George Ashley, has cashed bogus checks at Clyde, N. Y., Traverse City, Mich., and Columbus, Ohio.

JAMES STUART, 30 to 35, alleged buyer of live stock for the Interstate Packing Company, Winona, Minn., is reported as drawing bogus checks on the First National Bank, Mondovi, Wis.

GEORGE THOMAS, alias George DeBruler, 35 to 40 years, was arrested on March 31 at Venice, Ill., charged with passing a worthless check.

B. L. WATSON is reported as drawing bogus checks on the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Gray City, N. D.

A member at Coatesville, Pa., reports the operations of one Henry Wise, a painter, who has defrauded merchants by means of forged checks. He is also accused of having robbed his employer. His description is as follows: 5 feet 8 inches in height, weight 165 to 170 pounds, limps with left foot, hair sandy and gray mixed, mustache, sandy and gray mixed, eyes blue, gold tooth in front of mouth.

## ARRESTED

### \$16,641 SECURED IN ROBBERY

Two men hold up and rob Houston, Pa., bank of large sum. Investigations establish identity of perpetrators. One is captured and \$1,661 returned

Believing that the town boys were endeavoring to have a joke at his expense, J. K. McNutt, cashier of the First



JIM DILLON



TOM TALBOTT

National Bank, Houston, Tex., did not turn his face to his window on April 6 when he heard the demand, "make a move and you are dead." He continued with his duties when the words were more forcibly repeated. He turned about. He was gazing into the mouth of a revolver and the eyes of a strange man, who ordered him to lie on the floor face downward and to remain perfectly still. The cashier did as instructed. A second man then attacked the safe and cash drawer, removing all the money on which he could lay hands. A moment later the outside door slammed shut and the robbers were gone; \$16,640.95 had been taken. The news of the occurrence was spread broadcast and investigations put under way. On the morning following the robbery a local resident entered the First National Bank and exhibited a wrapper which had been taken from a package of bills totaling \$500, and which he had found near his home. This caused the belief that the crime had been perpetrated by local characters. A number of individuals were considered as suspects, but finally suspicion was boiled down to Thomas Talbott and Jim Dillon, town undesirables, who were known to have been implicated in a similar offense on a smaller scale some months previous. Representatives of the Pittsburgh office of our agents approached Talbott and not many hours had passed before they were convinced that he was one of the bank robbers. His wife uncovered in her home the hiding place of \$1,661 of the bank's money. Talbott is now in jail on this charge while Jim Dillon is still uncaptured. The former has served a prison term for highway robbery. Jim Dillon is 32 years, 5 feet 10½ inches, 160 pounds, of slender build, has dark red hair, tanned face, blue eyes, is smooth shaven. The middle finger of right hand is off at second joint; several knuckles on each hand are broken; uses Sen Sen for bad breath.

## COLLEGE MAN TURNS SWINDLER

Former star athlete of University of Colorado tries hand at check swindling

Proclaimed as the greatest athlete who ever did battle for the University of Colorado, John F. McFadden, 30, on March 29 was arrested at San Diego, Cal., after he had operated throughout the southwest with bogus checks.

While at college McFadden was known as the man who succeeded in his every venture. Evidently his great ability failed to follow him out of school for his attempt to become a professional swindler met with failure. However, a member at Bisbee, Ariz., and numerous scattered merchants suffered through his operations before the San Diego officers were able to lay hands upon him. McFadden had secured a directory giving the names and addresses of the members of his fraternity throughout the United States. His method of operation was to call on a member and ask that he be introduced at a bank. He would then deposit a worthless check and later ask for credit. On the strength of the introduction he experienced no difficulty in securing the desired money. Our agents secured a copy of this directory and warned each member of the fraternity with the result that when McFadden called upon a brother member at San Diego he was turned over to the police.

## QUICK RESULTS FOLLOW HOLD UP

Individual who secured \$3,894 from Ojai State Bank, Nordhoff, Cal., is arrested thirty-six hours after committal of crime

"Count five hundred before you remove that covering!"

This order, sharp and forceful, rang throughout the Ojai State Bank, Nordhoff, Cal., at 11:45 A.M. March 30. It was issued to the only bank employee present at the time, a lady assistant cashier. Two minutes before the man who had given the order entered the bank, approached this employee and pointed a revolver. In another moment he had blindfolded her and given this command. This number was hurriedly counted when the employee tore the handkerchief from her face. The hold-up man was gone. It was ascertained that \$3,894 of the bank's money went with him. An investigation was immediately started by the local sheriff and our agents.

One George Downing made the town of Nordhoff his headquarters. Unfortunate circumstances and demanding landlords had so persistently pursued this individual that he was finally rendered penniless. However, on March 30 luck must have suddenly turned his way for he was able to pay all his bills, and in gold too. The detectives learned of Downing's acts and resolved to interview him and to endeavor to learn where he had collected this sudden wealth. They told him that he was suspected of the bank hold up. After long hours of questioning this man confessed that he had committed the hold up, but he would not tell where the booty was hidden. A thorough search of his house failed to bring the money from cover. "Give me fifteen minutes in which to make a getaway, then I'll telephone you as to where the money is," pleaded Downing. He was refused. Later he lead the detectives to his bathroom where a number of bottles were stacked. "It's here," he declared, then grasped a bottle containing cyanide



of potassium and endeavored to press it to his lips. The detectives offset this attempt at suicide. Finally, by his directions, a large steel range was lifted from the floor. There lay a bag containing the gold. The short space of thirty-six hours had elapsed from the time of the hold up to the arrest.

### FORGER TRAPPED BY RUSE

Replies to letter received from alleged express company which leads to his arrest

L. ALLEN has victimized a member of Superior, Wis., in the cashing of a forged check. After an extended investigation our agents located a man of this name at Chicago, Ill. It could not, however, be definitely determined whether or not this man was the one wanted at Superior. It was realized that some ruse must be employed in order that this question could be settled. An investigator proceeded to the address where L. Allen was stopping and while the latter was at business left a letter addressed to him which purported to be from an express company and related that a package was being held in his name. This letter bore the post-office box number of the Chicago office of our agents. On the day following, March 27, the detectives' mail contained a letter signed L. Allen, in which the writer declared that if he was informed as to the address at which the package was being held, he would proceed there and take possession of it. The detectives compared the writing in this letter with the writing appearing upon the forged check and were at once convinced that one man wrote both specimens. Accompanied by the local police they proceeded to Allen's address and placed him under arrest. He was returned to Superior and will be tried during the first week of May.

### FROM PRISON TO PRISON

As he leaves Virginia Penitentiary forger is rearrested by Atlanta officers, is later tried and sentenced to term of six years

Held in the confinement of the Virginia State Prison, Emory Salyards, forger, counted the few remaining days that separated him from liberty. The long term that he had served behind these walls had been a severe punishment, but in a



EMORY SALYARDS

few hours it was to be a thing of the past and once more he would be permitted to enjoy the liberties of the outside world. The day of his release arrived. As he passed from the prison a heavy hand fell upon his shoulder. "We are officers from Atlanta, Ga.," he heard declared, "and hold warrant for your arrest." He was a prisoner once more. Returned to Atlanta his trial was set and a verdict of guilty passed upon him. Six years in the Atlanta State Prison was the sentence netted for his defrauding two Atlanta banks by forged checks. He is known also as E. Southern, E. DeSalyards, and E. Martin. He has operated extensively against banks with forged checks.

### SWINDLING DOCTOR ARRESTED

Man who persuaded priests to identify him at banks thereby assisting him to cash bogus checks has been arrested at Pittsburgh

The tables have been turned upon Dr. Oskar Kiefer, the swindler who persuaded a number of priests in months past to introduce him at banks and thus enable him to cash bogus checks. Kiefer using the name Otto Weber, on April 7 endeavored to continue his operations at Pittsburgh, Pa., where the priests became suspicious of his actions and notified the local police. He was arrested and identified by our agents as Dr. Oskar Kiefer, alias F. W. Ferree, alias Geo. O. F. Kramer, alias Otto Wittgenstein, whose photograph is reproduced on page 132 of the April, 1916, Supplement.

### FORGED CHECKS TO ENTER COLLEGE

Individual who is arrested at New Bethlehem, Pa., for the cashing of forged and bogus checks reveals secret of his operation

Banks at New Bethlehem, Pa., and Brookville, Pa., had notified their police authorities of the swindling transactions of a stranger. The police put an investigation under way which finally resulted in the arrest of the operator at New Bethlehem. When interviewed by our agents the prisoner confessed that his name was Robert J. Templeton; that he hailed from Philipston, Pa., that he was a country school teacher and had just completed his term at Mayport, Pa. "What prompted you to pass these checks," he was asked. His reply was, "I hoped to raise sufficient funds to enable me to attend college this summer." He was returned to Brookville and will be vigorously prosecuted. He is 31 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds; used also the names R. B. Page, C. E. Smith, and J. A. Williams.

### PARENTS PROSECUTE SON

Unable to keep their boy on straight road, father and mother lend hand to searching authorities and state willingness to have him prosecuted

The combined efforts of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner to keep their 20 year old son William C. D., on the straight road had met with defeat. They had long since learned of his numerous offenses against the law, but it was not until he had scattered dozens of checks throughout the city to which

he had forged their signatures, that the parents finally resolved to protect him no longer but rather to assist in the country-wide search and to vigorously prosecute him according to the demands of the law. On March 26, young Turner was arrested by the Los Angeles, Cal., police department. Among his check victims is listed a member bank at Los Angeles. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in the endeavors to apprehend this youth.

## ARRESTED FORGER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

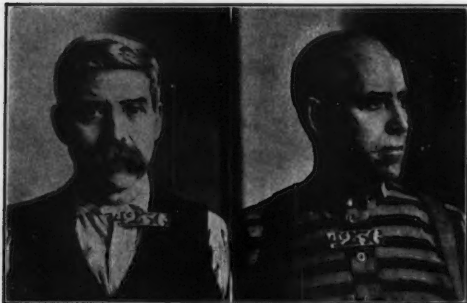
**Defrauds New York City member with forged check. Is arrested, and when left to self slashes wrist with razor blade**

Unable to bear the shame and suffering of imprisonment, William C. Cowan, 60 years of age, following his arrest at New York City on March 25, charged with having defrauded a local bank in the cashing of a forged check, attempted to end his life by cutting his wrist with a razor blade. Before loss of blood had overcome him, Cowan's act was discovered by the jailer. Cowan was arrested on this day by our detective agents in behalf of the defrauded member.

## AGENTS JAIL IMPERSONATOR

**Individual who endeavored to secure \$200 from Eltopia bank by impersonating their depositor is accosted**

"Wire two hundred at once First National Seattle, waive identification." Thus read a telegram received by a member bank at Eltopia, Wash., on March 28. It was signed "Julius DeRew." Near Eltopia there lives one Julius DeRew, who



CLINTON BUCHANAN

owns a large sheep ranch and transacts business with the Eltopia bank. This telegram aroused the bank's suspicion not only because of the misspelling of the depositor's name, but because at that very time Mr. DeRew was on his ranch. The bank immediately got into communication over the long distance telephone with our detective agents at Seattle and notified them of the transaction. A detective was then stationed in the First National Bank at Seattle to await the visit of the impersonator. On the following day an elderly man approached the cashier and asked as to whether or not the money for which he had wired to Eltopia had been sent. He claimed that he was Julius DeRew, rancher, and that he

had just engaged twelve sheep herders and needed the money to take them to Eltopia. The Burns man followed the suspect out of the bank and with the assistance of a local officer took him into custody. This man's true name is C. Buchanan. He is wanted also at Seattle for burglary and has served a prison term for murder. He is 55 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, has iron gray hair; gray mustache.

ARTHUR AIEVOLI, who has defrauded a member at San Francisco in the raising of a check and cashing of same, was on March 16 placed under arrest at San Francisco by our agents and the local police. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this investigation.

ROY ANDERSON, who has used also the names, Roy Roberts, Roy Alliston, J. W. Brophy, J. W. Barry, Charles W. Bell and Arthur Wright and who put to loss a member of San Francisco, Cal., during December, 1915, in the forging and cashing of two checks, was, on April 2, arrested by the police of Richmond, Cal., and returned to Stockton, Cal., where he was also wanted on a check charge. He is about 35 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this investigation.

JAMES G. BISHOP, alias E. F. Peck, who it is alleged has defrauded a member at New Haven, Conn., by forging, was, on April 7, arrested in New York City by our agents and the local police.

JAMES E. BIXLER, 36, who in June, 1915, defrauded a member at DuBois, Pa., in the cashing of a forged note, was on March 29 arrested at Clearfield, Pa., by our detective agents.



KATE BURT

MRS. KATE BURT, who swindled a member of Juneau, Alaska, in the cashing of a \$950 check to which she had forged her husband's signature, was, on April 12, arrested at Juneau by the Federal authorities.

ELIAS BLUM, alias Arthur W. Williams, who defrauded a member at Oakland, Cal., in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on March 28 arrested at Oakland, by our detective agents and the local police. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in this investigation.

GRAY BOYKIN, 25, after defrauding a member at Palestine, Tex., in raising a \$3 check to \$93 and securing the money at the bank, went to Houston, Tex., where he committed several forgeries and was placed under arrest. Our agents interviewed Boykin, who maintained that his name was Robert Boyington. After severe questioning he confessed to the offense committed at Palestine. He is 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, 165 pounds; has sandy hair, a full face, and very ruddy complexion.



JOE BUSBY

JOE BUSBY, who has defrauded a member of Claremore, Okla., in the selling of mortgaged property, was on April 2, 1916, arrested at Silver Hollow, Ark., by our detective agents. He was returned to Claremore for prosecution.

C. A. CROCKETT, the swindler who recently was introduced to a member bank at Stockton, Cal., by a local real estate man and who, after depositing a bogus check, secured a book of the bank's checks and passed them at Stockton, thereby defrauding the bank, was on March 25 arrested by the police at Lewiston, Mont., and returned to Stockton. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this investigation. On page 149 of the April, 1916, Supplement there is inserted an article referring to Crockett.

HARRY FOX, music demonstrator, who on February 19, defrauded a member bank at Lynchburg, Va., in the cashing of a bogus check, has been arrested at Charlotte, N. C., on a charge of white slavery. Fox cannot be extradited to Lynchburg owing to the fact that his offense there is considered a misdemeanor.

HARRY GILMORE, who has defrauded a member at Bremerton, Wash., by worthless check, was, on March 28, arrested at Seattle, Wash., by the local police and returned to Bremerton.

WILLIAM H. HASCY, 55 or 60, who for many years has represented stationery houses of New York City and who during February, 1916, defrauded several members in the state of Connecticut with worthless checks, was, on April 3, arrested at Ansonia, Conn. He is 5 feet 7 inches, 145 to 155 pounds; has iron gray hair, curly gray mustache, thin face.



JOSEPH F. HAYES

JOSEPH F. HAYES. On March 10, a member bank at Providence, R. I., reported that they had been swindled to the amount of \$150 by cashing a forged check. It is stated that on this day, one Joseph F. Hayes came into the bank and presented a check for this amount, drawn against a local bank and purporting to be signed by a customer of the latter institution. When asked for identification, Hayes referred to a paying teller at another window to whom he was known. This paying teller, unaware that Hayes was endeavoring to cash a check, stated that he knew Hayes; whereupon the latter secured the desired money. On this same day the bank on which the check was drawn advised that their depositor's name was forged to it. On March 17, Hayes was arrested at Providence by the local police.

PETE KOSMOS, Greek, 24, who has been a depositor of a member bank at Hermiston, Ore., and who recently secured through the bank's error \$165 to which he was not entitled, was on April 1 arrested at Niles, Cal., by our agents and the local sheriff after he had been trailed by the former from Hermiston.

OTTO KURZ, who has put to loss a member of Tulsa, Okla., in the disposing of mortgaged property, was recently arrested in Creek County, Okla.

AUGUSTUS LE STRANGE, 21, bookkeeper, and MICHAEL MOORE, 23, driver, were, on March 24, arrested at Brooklyn, N. Y., by our detective agents and the local police, charged with the forging and cashing of several checks. It was learned that Le Strange as bookkeeper for a Brooklyn merchant was enabled to steal the blank checks which he turned over to Moore in order that the forging might be done. A member of New York, N. Y., passed on two of these checks and were thereby defrauded.

G. H. LIBBEY, 40 to 45, wanted by a member of Port Arthur, Tex., on a charge of swindling, by drawing without authority a draft on C. W. Hall Company, Houston, Tex., was, on March 18, arrested at Port Arthur by our agents and the local sheriff.

LETHEL McELROY, 21, who during March put to loss a member of Birmingham, Ala., in the cashing of forged checks, was, on March 28, taken into custody at Birmingham by our agents, and turned over to the police.

H. R. METZGAR, who has defrauded a member of New Hartford, Iowa, in the cashing of a check to which he had forged his father's signature, was, on April 17, arrested at Waterloo, Iowa, by the local sheriff. The Iowa Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this case.

ALBERT C. MINCKLER, alias David Barry, 36, was recently arrested at Hartford, Conn., charged by a local member with defrauding their bank in the forging and cashing of checks. He is 5 feet 3¼ inches, 120 pounds, of slim build; has dark brown hair and a light sandy mustache.

JOHN A. NELSON, a colored lad 18 years of age, who victimized a member of New York, N. Y., in the cashing of four checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was, on March 16, arrested in New York City by our detective agents and the local police. The lad confessed to the forgeries.

J. A. RABB, 30, who has put to loss a member of Monroe, La., in the cashing of a forged check, was, on March 16, arrested at Monterey, Miss., by the local sheriff following an investigation made by our detective agents.



MAX ROSENTHAL

MAX ROSENTHAL, 22, who has put to loss by forged check a member at Miami, Fla., and another at Jacksonville, Fla., and who was traced by our agents to Providence, R. I., was, on April 6, arrested at the latter mentioned place by the local police and our agents. He is 5 feet 2¼ inches, 110 pounds, of medium build; has black hair and brown eyes. Bertillon measurements: 58.3 67.0 80.6 19.1+ 15.3 5.8 24.9 11.0 8.7 43.5.

HARRY RUDD, negro, on complaint of a member at Jackson, Miss., was on April 7 arrested at Jackson by our detective agents and the local authorities. He had defrauded this member in the cashing of a forged check.

CHARLES SCHAACK, contractor, who has put to loss a member at Kirkwood, Mo., through the medium of worthless checks, was on March 4 arrested by the sheriff of Pleasanton, Kan. Schaack is 45 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds, is a German and speaks broken English.

T. W. SPAULDING, 40, who has defrauded a member of Oakland, Cal., in the cashing of a worthless check, was traced

by our agents to Chicago, Ill., where, on March 27, they placed him under arrest with the assistance of the local police. He is 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 160 pounds; has a small black mustache. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this matter.

## CONVICTED

### 35 YEARS FOR BANK ROBBER

Man who implicated self in hold up of Heavener bank is severely dealt with by the court

It was with tense feelings that the people of Poteau, Okla., crowded into the local court room at 8:30 on the morning of April 7 to be present at the trial of Mike and Jesse Risenhoover, brothers, who had on December 27, 1915, held up and robbed of \$7,800 the First National Bank, Heavener, Okla. The trial was a heated one and it was not until 10:30 that the case went to the jury. The latter were out but fifteen minutes and proclaimed the defendants guilty. Thirty-five years was fixed as a penalty for Mike Risenhoover. Jesse Risenhoover has not been sentenced to date.

GEORGE ANDERSON, forgery, March 21, 1916, 2 to 4 years, Maine State Prison.

ROY ANDERSON, alias Roy Roberts, Roy Alliston, J. W. Brophy, J. W. Barry, Charles W. Bell, and Arthur Wright, forgery, April 10, 1916; 18 months, San Quentin, Cal., Penitentiary.

H. B. BRENNER, alias Paul E. Schreiber, alias O. H. Turner, etc., February 10, 1916, 2 to 20 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.

C. BUCHANAN, attempted swindle, 60 days, Pasco, Wash., jail.

C. A. CROCKETT, swindle, April 5, 1916, 3 years.

JOHN L. DILLON, alias I. G. Davis, R. B. Harris, C. G. Harris, worthless draft, March 6, 1916, 9 months, San Diego, Cal., jail.

WINSLOW A. FULLER, bogus check, October 18, 1915, 1½ to 3 years, Auburn State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.

RALPH T. GIBSON, forgery, October 29, 1915, Kirkbridge, Pa., Institution for Insane. Sentence suspended and Gibson placed on one year's probation.

HARRY GILMORE, worthless check, 45 days, Kitsap, Washington County, jail.

GEORGE SANDS GOODWIN, forgery, February 25, 1916, one year's probation.

ALLIE HAMMOND, swindle, March 29, 1916, 10 months House of Correction, Chicago, Ill.

WILLIAM H. HASCY, worthless check, April 8, 1916, sentence suspended for 12 months; victimized banks reimbursed.

LIGE HIGGINS, hold up, tried at Pueblo, Colo., on a charge of murder and sentenced from 5 to 8 years in Colorado State Penitentiary.

JOE KITTERMAN, hold up, tried at Pueblo, Colo., on a charge of murder and sentenced from 25 to 45 years in Colorado State Penitentiary.

JAMES T. LARKIN, forgery, April 12, 1916, 3 years, Texas State Penitentiary.



R. J. LEE, bogus check, 90 days at Waseca, Minn. (Time expiring May 14, 1916.)

JIM A. LEONARD, forgery, paroled.

LOUIS LEVY, forgeries, February 23, 1916, given probation.

G. H. LIBBEY, worthless draft, 2 years, suspended sentence.

JOHN F. McFADDEN, worthless check, April 15, 1916, 1 to 5 years, Arizona State Penitentiary, Florence, Ariz.

WILLIAM MORAN, forgery, 3½ to 5 years, Auburn, N. Y., Prison.

BILLY PASCAL, worthless check, March 30, 1916, 5 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

P. C. PHILLIPS, sneak theft, October 28, 1915, 1 to 10 years on each of seven counts.

STEVE POSA, forgery, 2 years' probation.

W. H. REEVES, JR., forgery, 5 years' probation.

EMORY SALYARDS, forgery, 6 years, Atlanta State Penitentiary.

AIKEN SARTOR, alias Foreszine Wallace, forgery, 3 years, Occoquan, Va., Penitentiary.

CHARLES SCHAACK, worthless checks, April 17, 1916, 1 year; paroled.

WILLIAM SCHABEN, alias A. T. Williamson, swindle, 7 years, Kansas State Penitentiary.

G. H. SCHRIEFER, forged notes, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

W. A. SOUCY, alias Thomas Saxe, swindle, January 21, 1916, 1 to 14 years, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.

CHARLES M. TODD, alias W. K. McNeill, swindle, April 12, 1916, one year's parole.

## RELEASED

WILLIAM BLUMMER, forgery, released; no prosecution.

JIM BURNETT, alleged forgery, released; insufficient evidence to convict.

RICHARD E. ENRIGHT, alias J. C. Greenings, alias J. C. Greenup, alleged swindle, released; complaining witnesses failed to appear.

C. E. HALBERT, forgery, acquitted; insufficient evidence to convict.

ROWLAND C. JEWETT, alias Harry G. Anderson, worthless check, released; bank failed to prosecute.

L. LEDERMAN, mortgage swindle, December, 1915; acquitted.

R. W. LEONARD, alleged swindle, April 13, 1916; case dismissed.

MAUD McCARROLL, alleged forgery; acquitted.

PAULINE McCARROLL, alleged forgery; acquitted.

D. K. SMITH, swindle; released, bank refused to prosecute.

HARRY F. VAN UFFEL, forgery, released; restitution made.

H. G. VON HARTEN, alleged forgery, released; insufficient evidence to convict.

## FUGITIVE

### BURROWED THROUGH JAIL WALL

Man held on charges of incendiarism, robbery and murder, bores way through jail wall to liberty

Traverse City, Mich., has notified that Harry B. Hampton, held in their local jail on a charge of arson, succeeded on the night of April 13 in obtaining his liberty by burrowing his way through the jail wall. Two other criminals accepted the golden opportunity that Hampton's daring had laid open to them and safely squeezed their way through the same outlet. Hampton is wanted at Silvis, Ill., on a charge of robbery and murder, it being declared that on December 6, 1912, he beat into submission the cashier of the Bank of Silvis; then robbed the bank of \$1,500. The cashier died from the wounds received. There are \$900 offered in reward for the arrest of this criminal: \$500 by the Traverse City authorities; \$200 by the State of Illinois; and \$200 by the Illinois Bankers Association. His photo is reproduced on page 158 of the April, 1916, Supplement.

ARTHUR WHEAT, alias Arthur Bean, forgery, escaped from county jail at Ellsworth, Kan.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS.

Adams, Frank, forgery, Hudson, S. D.  
Aievoli, Arthur, raised check, San Francisco, Cal.  
Allen, L., forgery, Superior, Wis.  
Andrews, Bob, swindle, Ramseur, N. C.  
Benbow, Frederic J., bogus check, Minot, N. D.  
Betts, George W., swindle, Caney, Kan.  
Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.  
Bixler, James E., forgery, DuBois, Pa.  
Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
Blum, Elias, forgery, Oakland, Cal.  
Boykin, Gray, raised check, Palestine, Tex.  
Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
Burke, William, swindle, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Burt, Mrs. Kate, forgery, Juneau, Alaska.  
Busby, Joe, mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.  
Callaris, John, swindle, Lexington, Ky.  
Cameron, Earl L., forgery, Goldendale, Wash.  
Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
Connell, James, forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
Cowan, William C., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
Cox, Lucile, forgery, Fort Worth, Tex.  
Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Davis, Everett J., forgery, Watertown, N. Y.  
Dent, Dan, forgery, Moscow, Kan.  
Dingfelder, Christ, forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
Doane, Leon L., swindle, San Diego, Cal.  
Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Dykstra, J. J., swindle, Guthrie, Okla.  
Evanoff, Nik, worthless draft, Portland, Ore.  
Felter, Benjamin, swindle, New Rochelle, N. Y.  
Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.  
Geyer, Henry, Mount Vernon, Ia.  
Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
Green, Max, swindle, Manhattan, Ill.  
Greenspoon, Abe, forgery, Denver, Colo.

Hayes, Joseph F., forgery, Providence, R. I.  
 Houghton, G. F. C., forgery, New York City.  
 Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Keltner, Tom, forgery, Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 Kiefer, Dr. Oskar, bogus checks, Scranton, Pa.  
 King, R. E., forgery, Milwaukee, Ore.  
 Kosmos, Pete, swindle, Hermiston, Ore.  
 Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Le Strange, Augustus, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Lowe, Alfred, forgery, Baileytown, Tenn.  
 McElroy, Lethel, forgery, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Mann, Edward, swindle, Carlisle, Ark.  
 Margulies, S., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Martin, Clifford, forgery, Clarinda, Iowa.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Metzgar, H. R., forgery, New Hartford, Ia.  
 Meyer, J. G., bogus check, Lakewood, Ohio.  
 Minckler, Albert, C., forgery, Hartford, Conn.  
 Mitchell, Horace, swindle, Neapere, Idaho.  
 Moore, Michael, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Neary, John, worthless check, Harrison, Neb.  
 Nelson, John A., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Perkins, Bert, forgery, Bedford, Ind.  
 Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.  
 Rabb, J. A., forgery, Monroe, La.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Rosenberg, I., forgery, Bandon, Ore.  
 Rosenthal, Max, forgery, Miami, Fla.  
 Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Sanders, Mrs. S. D., swindle, Baker, Ore.  
 Scott, John, forgery, South Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Shelby, Vollie, forgery, Mount Pulaski, Ill.  
 Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
 Skillman, Harry, swindle, Silver Springs, N. Y.  
 Smith, Armour, forgery, Paducah, Ky.  
 Smith, Frank, swindle, Wichita, Kan.  
 Spaulding, T. W., worthless check, Oakland, Cal.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Strozier, Will, forgery, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Templeton, Robert J., forgery, Brookville, Pa.  
 Terry, James, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Thorne, George Lee, forgery, Riverside, Cal.  
 Tisch, Beatrice, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Tischler, Amelia, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Troiana, Alfred, swindle, El Paso, Tex.  
 Turner, William C. D., forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Wilson, Lloyd, swindle, Richwood, W. Va.  
 Wilt, F., forgery, Duncan, Okla.  
 Wise, Charles F., swindle, East Liverpool, Ohio.

#### BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Compton, R. M., hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Crittenden, William, hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Cummings, Robert L., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Downing, George, hold up, Nordhoff, Cal.  
 Driscoll, O. W., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Elliott, William, sneak theft, New York City, N. Y.  
 Hembree, Fred, burglary, Andale, Kan.  
 Johnson, Charles H., hold up, Stroud, Okla.  
 Letterman, F. A., hold up, Red Fork, Okla.

Mack, Eddie, hold up, Chicago, Ill.  
 Schuneman, John, hold up, Red Fork, Okla.  
 Talbott, Tom, hold up, Houston, Pa.

#### STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting Trial, August 1, 1915.	Arrested since August 1, 1915.	Arrests in April, 1916.	Total.	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Escaped, Insane, Fugitive or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	88	236	35	271	202	61	9	87
Burglars.....	10	3	..	3	8	4	1	..
Hold-up								
Robbers.....	10	25	2	27	22	..	1	14
Sneak Thieves..	..	4	..	4	3	..	1	..
	108	268	37	305	235	65	12	101

#### LOST CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

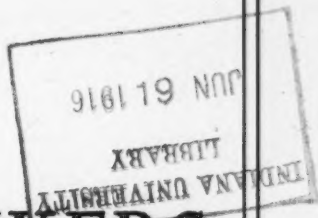
The Citizens State Bank, Big Timber, Mont., under date of April 3, writes: "Our certificate of deposit No. 6385, dated August 23, 1915, for \$164 and payable to Alice C. Torney of Barron, Wis., was in the latter part of February mailed by the payee at Barron, Wis., in a letter addressed to this bank and has been lost. Said certificate was payable six months after date with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and was indorsed "Alice C. Torney."

#### STOLEN STOCKS AND BONDS

The police of Louisville, Ky., have reported that the safe of the Equitable Life Assurance Company, Louisville, was robbed between Saturday afternoon, April 1, and Monday morning, April 3, 1916. They offer a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves; \$200 reward for recovery of stocks and bonds or a proportionate reward for a part thereof. The following are reported as missing:

One certificate No 6608 for ten shares of Louisville Traction Company common stock in the name of Walker G. Thompson. One certificate for fifteen shares of preferred stock of the St. Louis United Railways in the name of Eugene H. Thompson, and indorsed, signature witnessed by H. C. Rodes. One certificate for five shares of West Penn. Preferred stock, in the name of Eugene H. Thompson. Do not know whether indorsed or not. One certificate for twenty shares of West Penn. Traction and Water Power Common stock, No. D-3318, in the name of Eugene H. Thompson. Two \$100 Virginia Railway first mortgage five per cent. bonds, Nos. 640 and 641, series A. Two \$100 Seaboard Air Line and Consolidated mortgage gold bonds, six per cent., Nos. C-371 and C-372. One \$100 Denver Gas and Electric First Mortgage five per cent. bond, No. C-283. One \$1,000 Lexington and Eastern Railway First Mortgage five per cent. bond, No. 25. One \$1,000 C. & O. Railway four and one half per cent. Convertible bond, No. 6508. One \$1,000 Springfield Railway and Light five per cent. Collateral Trust bond, No. 129. One \$100 Commonwealth Power Railway and Light Convertible six per cent. bond, No. C-1831.

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## SECTION TWO

## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

### OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM.—Brown-Marx Building.  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE.—Special Representative, C. E. Sears,  
% Hotel Albert.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—Transportation Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Whitney Central Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.  
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.  
MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL.—New York Life Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Midland Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exchange Building.  
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—White Building.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.

OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.  
RHODE ISLAND, PROVIDENCE.—Providence Journal Building.  
TEXAS, DALLAS.—Special Representative, P. R. Schumacher,  
601 Young Street.

TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Beatty Building.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
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CORRESPONDENT OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS  
INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.  
IOWA, DES MOINES.—The Gus J. Patek Detective Agency,  
515 Mulberry Street.

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## ***RULES OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE***

1. Upon receipt of notification by the General Secretary, Five Nassau Street, New York City, or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check-raising, worthless or bogus checks, swindle, sneak theft, robbery, hold up or burglary therein, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminal. No action, however, will be taken unless immediate notice is given, and **a case once committed to the Association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offence condoned or compromised.** If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, such member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined; or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted. The committee relentlessly pursues both amateur and professional criminals in cases of attempted or successful fraud or crime upon members of the Association but cannot take cognizance of such offenses where perpetrated upon other than members, or of so-called "inside jobs" where the offender is an officer or employee of a member. The committee relies upon the state, county or local authorities to arrange for the extradition and the payment of expense incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work which has not been previously authorized.



# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

L. W. GAMMON, MANAGER  
Five Nassau Street, New York

## MAY PROTECTIVE WORK NOTES OF THE MONTH

In this issue there are recorded the arrests of 26 operators who have attacked member banks either by burglary, hold up, sneak theft, forgery, or swindle. Of this number, our detective agents are directly responsible for 15 arrests. The combined efforts of police, sheriffs, and member banks themselves, total the remaining 11 arrests. These figures compare with 37 arrests for the month preceeding, of which our agents effected 21.

The final disposition of 20 cases held against operators who have victimized member banks is also shown herein. Of these 20 there resulted 17 clear convictions of the accused. This is ready proof of the determined manner in which member banks throughout the country are prosecuting those who have done them injury. This determination alone has served to sweep the professional bank swindler entirely from the operating field. If we were asked three years ago today to call off a list of swindlers who make banks their particular victims, without a moment's hesitation we could have mentioned fifty and more. If we were asked for the same information at this date we could not make mention of more than a half dozen.

With the arrest of Charles Stanley Walker, the greatest of all bank swindlers, who conducted his business for five and one-half uninterrupted years, the curtain seemed to have been drawn upon the days of professional bank swindling. Member banks themselves are responsible for the elimination of this injurious menace. On May 5 the president of a member at Swissvale, Pa., telephoned to the Pittsburgh office of our agents that an attempt had just been made to pass a forged check upon their bank. He requested that an operative be immediately dispatched to his bank; that he was anxious to have the guilty party arrested and that he would prosecute to the full extent of law. Regardless of the fact that the forger had not defrauded his institution, this banker was desirous to inflict due punishment upon him. His own words were, "I will do so for the moral effect it will have upon other criminals of this type." This is but another example of the light in which banks have come to look upon the question of protection. Many obstacles have been met and much ill feeling experienced in the crusade against the thieves, but the goal that has been reached at this day can be considered well worth the price.

### CHARLES STANLEY WALKER PUNISHED

Individual who outwitted bankers and authorities for five and one-half years and collected thousands of dollars by forged checks is sentenced to seven years in Louisiana Penitentiary

The climax in the history of the bank swindling operations of Charles Stanley Walker, the "greatest of swindlers," the "hypnotizing forger," the "man of mystery," was reached on May 8, when he appeared before the court of Shreveport, La., to be sentenced for his unsuccessful attempt to victimize the First National Bank of Shreveport by forged check. Seven years of hard labor in the state penitentiary at Baton Rouge, La., was the punishment. And this is in but one case, while numerous detainer warrants received from all sections of the country are held at Louisiana, each clamoring for its opportunity to inflict punishment upon him.

By good behavior while incarcerated, Walker can reduce this sentence two and one-half years. He was told of this and stated his determination to keep his conduct the best.

When that day arrives and he is released from the Louisiana penitentiary, he will walk into the hands of the authorities of another state. Another prison term will be passed upon him, and he will be again paying the price of his misdeeds.

So on for years to come, until he has satisfied every charge against him.

This man's case has stirred universal interest in both banking and police circles, for it is known that he was the greatest and most successful of all bank swindlers, clearing a total of from \$500 to \$1,000 a month on forged cashier's checks for a period of five and one-half years of uninterrupted operating.

District Attorney Mabry of Shreveport is to be complimented on the efficient manner in which he handled this case. The California, Oregon, North Dakota, Arkansas, and Iowa Bankers Associations, readily joined hands with this Association in the interests of their members, by sharing our expenses of detective services, both before and after the arrest of Walker.

### CANADIAN SOLDIER DEFRAUDS BANKS

Claims to be on leave of absence; displays pass purporting to be signed by commanding officer which permits him free transportation on any railroad in Canada; cashes bogus checks at two Oregon banks

ALBERT HADLEY, alleged soldier in the Canadian Army, Vancouver, B. C., has beaten a hasty retreat from

Portland, Ore., not that he fears a hostile army is pursuing his footsteps, but rather that a handful of detectives and police are striving to capture him. Hadley, on April 18, opened a checking account at a Portland bank by depositing two bogus checks drawn against the Bank of Montreal, Vancouver, B. C. He was given a passbook and a book of checks and warned not to issue any checks until the Bank of Montreal had notified as to the true character of the two checks he had deposited. But this did not prevent Hadley from entering a bank at Eugene and another at Springfield, Ore., where he related that he was a soldier in the Canadian Army, Vancouver, B. C., that he was on a thirty-day leave of absence; and that he was seeking a home in the town in which to place his mother. He displayed an alleged pass which entitled him to free transportation on any of Canada's railroads, also exhibited the passbook of the Portland bank which showed a deposit of \$400, then asked cash on one of the latter bank's checks. In both attempts he was successful in securing the cash called for. These banks were his victims, for the Portland bank refused to pass the checks. Hadley has not been taken to date. He is 25 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds; his eyes are crossed, and his mouth twitches as though he were continually nervous.

### PROSPECTIVE LAND BUYER OPERATING

Makes preparations with owner to purchase his farm—  
Asks to be introduced at bank and passes bogus check

We are informed that Abraham Johnson, an old offender, is again operating. This word has been received from Iowa and it is evident that he has also appeared in Illinois. We



ABRAHAM JOHNSON

quote from our August, 1915, Supplement, in regard to the methods of this swindler: This man comes into your town, calls on a land owner and makes all the necessary preparations to become the rightful owner of a farm which he has selected and on which he intends to settle. At the proper moment he requests the impressed land owner to introduce him at a bank. They call at your bank. He tells of his vast fortunes distributed in different banks of Kentucky or other states, relates his experiences as sheriff of Casey County, Ky., some two years previous, and concludes his well rehearsed tale with a statement that asthma is troubling him to such an extent that he has selected your town for its splendid climate and has decided to stay and make the best

of things. "Why, of course, he is O.K.," assures the land dealer. So Johnson's check is cashed and another bank is swindled. Scrutinize his photograph carefully and when he calls upon you make arrangements whereby he can find a more deserving atmosphere in your local jail. He is 56 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 105 pounds, slender build, medium chestnut hair, brown eyes, sallow complexion, born in Indiana, miller by occupation. There is a dim scar on his left wrist, outer, and a hair mole to the left of his nose.

### CANADIAN FARMER IS SWINDLER

Passes bogus checks upon individuals at Ephrata, Wash., and attempts to defraud local bank

JOSEPH P. CARON arrived at Ephrata, Wash. Shortly thereafter the news was spread through the town that Caron was a wealthy farmer from Canada and that he was looking for local lands on which to settle. Ephrata real estate men besieged the stranger and beseeched his inspection of their land. Caron was carried off into the country, selected a tract and gave the dealer a \$500 check to bind the bargain. Then he entered the bank at Ephrata and drew a check for \$2,000 on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Saskatoon, in favor of the Ephrata bank and placed same for collection. Regardless of the fact that Caron was considered a wealthy man, that he had closed a deal for a local site, that numerous individuals had readily accepted his checks in return for purchases he had made, the Ephrata bank refused to heed Caron's plea to be allowed \$300 on the check he had left for collection. It is well they did, for his checks were bogus. The Canadian bank verified this. A warrant is now held at Ephrata for the arrest of Caron the swindler (no longer Caron the wealthy farmer). He is 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds, of dark, ruddy complexion, as though due to much exposure; scar on cheek, shape of half moon which is inflamed and appears as if wound were recently received. He speaks French.

### EXPRESS ORDER STOLEN

Member at Kansas City suffers loss in transaction which involves new depositor

One Dan Marcowitz, paroled from a training school at Boonville, Mo., on March 24 of this year, opened a savings account at a Kansas City, Mo., bank by depositing \$2 in cash. Several days thereafter he came into the bank with a man whom he introduced as L. C. Diely. The latter had an Adams Express money order payable to his order in the sum of \$46.80, purporting to be signed by the agent at Savanna, Ill. Marcowitz asked that the bank cash this order for Diely, and they did so purely because they knew Marcowitz, but not, however, until they had secured his indorsement on the order.

The order was returned from the express company along with their affidavit to the effect that the agent's name appearing thereon was fictitious and that the order had been stolen in blank at Savanna. Marcowitz withdrew \$1 of his savings account on March 24, and the remaining \$1 on April 5. Upon receipt of the message from the express company, the bank called Marcowitz, when he steadfastly declared that he was not responsible for the money order and that his attorney had instructed him not to pay it.

## REAL ESTATE MAN DEFRAUDS

### Opens office at Waterloo, then cashes bogus check at local bank

When Robert M. Payne, recently called upon a bank at Waterloo, Ia., exhibited letters of introduction from the Farmers and Merchants Bank, at Leeds, S. D., and ex-Governor Hanna, then stated a desire to open an account, the Waterloo bank readily advised that they were at his service. Payne opened a real estate office at Waterloo and sold Minnesota and North Dakota farming land. He had soon won the bank's confidence and when on March 16 he presented a check for \$200 on the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Leeds, he was given the cash. This check was returned marked, "no funds." Meanwhile Payne had left Waterloo and a local married woman named Alice E. Baguhn is reported as having accompanied him. Payne is 58 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, of dark complexion, has dark brown hair, streaked with gray, a short mustache. The Iowa Bankers Association is endeavoring to bring about this man's arrest.

## NAMES ALMANAC ADVERTISING CO.

### Alleged representative of Westfield, N. J., concern deposits bogus check in southern bank

S. W. SMITH, who recently entered a bank at Tampa, Fla., and claimed to represent the Almanac Advertising Co., of Westfield, N. J., then proceeded to open an account with a bogus check, is proclaimed by this Company to be a swindler and impostor.

## WARNING

C. T. BENNETT, has victimized a member at Los Angeles, Cal., in securing cash on a bogus check drawn against the Security Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., signed Louis Phelps.

J. D. COOPER, M. D., is drawing bogus checks against the Bank of Collins, Collins, Ga., and cashing them at banks in the south. He succeeds in securing the indorsements of individuals well known to the banks he approaches. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 130 pounds.

BEN CROWER has victimized a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of a forged check. He is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 to 170 pounds.

HENRI DE GUISE, has swindled a member at Wichita, Kan., in forging his employer's name to a \$410 check and cashing same.

C. H. FRISBEY recently deposited a worthless draft in a bank at Strong City, Kan., then proceeded to pass out numerous checks against the Strong City bank. He represented himself as a cook; is 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds.

W. E. GILBERT is wanted by a member at Great Falls, Mont., who alleges that at one time he was employed by the Rogers-Templeton Lumber Company, Bole, Mont., and that he was acquainted with many of their patrons at Bole. On April 26 this man wrote from Cliev, Mont., that he was purchasing much lumber and that he intended to come to Great Falls and open an account. When a few days later he ap-

peared at the Great Falls bank he was given cash on a draft which he drew against the First National Bank, St. Paul, Minn. It was returned as worthless. He is 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds. We believe this man is none other than C. A. Phillips who operated in a similar manner at Pomona, Cal.

W. H. GILMAN, 40, representing himself as a machinist of the first class, U. S. Navy, aboard the U. S. S. *San Francisco*, recently swindled a member at Norfolk, Va. He opened an account with a bogus check on the First National Bank, Portsmouth, N. H., and upon receipt of a book of checks, he immediately began to pass out checks in Norfolk. The bank paid out almost \$100 on same before they were notified as to the true character of Gilman's check. He dressed in the uniform of a chief petty officer. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, of dark complexion, smooth shaven; has black hair and dark eyes.

JOSEPH W. HAUGHEY, who has used the name Norris E. Ferndale, is wanted by a member at Albuquerque, N. M., on a charge of defrauding by forged check. He is a U. S. Army deserter. Description: 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds; has thin freckled face.



A. F. HOLDEN

A. F. HOLDEN, member of the firm Holmes & Holden, who have been doing railroad grading work throughout Kansas, is wanted by a member at Atchison, Kan., on a charge of swindling by bogus checks. He is 40 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds, of sturdy build; carries himself very erect; talks considerably about horse, mule, and land deals.

C. V. HICKS, former employee of the Armstrong-Byrd Music Company, Enid, Okla., is alleged to have defrauded a bank at Enid in the cashing of a check to which he forged the signature of his employers. The latter offer a \$200 reward for his arrest. A warrant has also been issued. Hicks is 28 to 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 130 to 150 pounds; talks fast and is noticeably nervous.

AUGUST HYEDO, Pole, has put to loss a member at Omaha, Neb., in the cashing of a forged check. Hyedo is a waiter and it is believed he has headed for Chicago, Ill. He is 25 years, and speaks German and English fluently. A warrant is held at Omaha for his arrest.

FRANCIS P. KURLISCH has defrauded a member at San Francisco, Cal., in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; has very sharp features. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.

GEORGE LEWIS, 16, is alleged to have victimized a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of several checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 5 feet 1 or 2 inches, 115 pounds.

HERBERT E. LEWIS, alias L. Norton (colored), has put to loss a member at Asbury Park, N. J. Lewis succeeded in having this bank cash two checks drawn against the Westfield Trust Co., Westfield, N. J., which were returned as bogus. He is 18 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds.

JAMES LUDWIG, claiming an interest in the promotion of a film company, recently defrauded a member at Cleveland, Ohio, in the depositing of bogus checks and subsequent drawing against same. He is 25 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 130 pounds, of slender build.

GEORGE MILLER, 25, who some time ago was arrested for defrauding a member at Ithaca, N. Y., by forgery, and who was placed on probation, is now wanted for having violated his parole. He is 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, 175 pounds; has dark brown hair; is a railroad fireman.

EDGAR MOULTON, who has swindled member banks at Somersworth, N. H., with forged checks, recently secured another bank victim at Auburn, Me. He is 20 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds; has light hair and sharp features.

JOSEPH C. RANDISI, insurance adjuster, is now sought by our agents on behalf of a member at Los Angeles, Cal. It is alleged that this man in his official position as adjuster, received a check for \$465.40 to which he forged the payee's indorsement, deposited the check to his (Randisi's) account with our Los Angeles member, and then withdrew the full amount in cash. The forgery was not discovered for some time. Meanwhile Randisi had left Los Angeles. He is 30 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds; has blue eyes and dark hair. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.

W. L. READ, farmer, who has resided near Dewey, Okla., is alleged to have defrauded two banks at Dewey in the borrowing of funds. It has been stated that a warrant is held for Read's arrest. He is 45 to 50 years, 5 feet 6 inches.

CHRIS ROCKMOORE, is wanted by a member of Elliott, Iowa, on a charge of swindling by forged draft. He is 22 to 24 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds; has a scar or raising of skin on right jaw near chin.

GILBERT A. SHOEMAKER, has swindled a member of Los Angeles, Cal., out of a large sum of money in the cashing of a check to which he had forged another's signature. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.

WALTER C. SMALLEY, alias Wm. Franklin, has defrauded a bank member and numerous merchants of Worcester, Mass., through the medium of small forged checks, all of which have been signed Bicknell Lumber Co., R. G. Bicknell, Treasurer. He is 25 years, 5 feet 9 or 10, 135 to 140 pounds; has thin features, sallow complexion.



WILLIAM N. STEVENS

WILLIAM N. STEVENS, alias J. W. McNeal, traveling salesman for the Pure Oil Company, has defrauded a member of Forsyth, Mont., in forging indorsements to customers' checks and cashing same. One Carl R. Tisor, who is believed to have implicated himself with Stevens in these swindles, was on April 21 arrested by our agents at Seattle, Wash. Photograph of Stevens is herewith inserted. He is 25 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, of medium heavy build, light complexion; has brown eyes and light brown hair.

NUTE WEEMS, who has done a large trading business at Clarksville, Tenn., recently disappeared from that place. Numerous forged notes that he had negotiated then came to light, on one of which a member of Clarksville suffered a heavy loss. He is 46 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 170 pounds, of dark complexion; has small brown eyes; thick sandy mustache.

DERWOOD WILLIAMS, 19, is sought by our agents for a member of Los Angeles, Cal., who was defrauded when Williams cashed at this bank a check which bore a forged indorsement. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 126 pounds, little finger of right hand is gone. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this investigation.



## GENERAL

### PARTIN MFG. CO. NAMED

Nebraska member writes of manufacturing company conducting business on a swindling basis

Under date of May 16, a member at York, Neb., writes this department as follows:

"I wish to call your attention to a matter which while it may not come under your department should be brought to the attention of the bankers throughout the country in order to protect their clients. I refer to the operations of a company in Memphis, Tenn., and branches in Des Moines and Chicago conducted under the name of Partin Mfg. Company. Their business is entering into contracts with country merchants, usually druggists, in this section, engaging to increase the merchant's annual sales a certain amount. (In this city it was \$10,000 and they charge him \$800.) They take the negotiable note for the amount and give him bond that any amount that the sales fall short of increasing the amount agreed upon shall be credited proportionately on the note. The note of course shows up in third party's hand and the Partin Co. have not rendered anything whatever in return for same. Their contract calls for the giving away of an automobile, etc., to successful contestants who are used to increase sales. This is a plain swindling scheme and has been worked in York, Stockham, University Place and Fremont and at no place have they complied with any conditions, in fact the druggist at University Place paid the \$800 note and bought the auto himself to get out of the deal satisfactorily to his contestants. This certainly comes under defrauding through the mails, breach of contract, obtaining note through fraud, etc. Our patron has the company's contract and bond, neither of which is good and a Chicago concern has the note which was sent here for collection, due May 24."

R. E. BROWN, is drawing bogus checks on the Springfield National Bank, Springfield, Mass., in the vicinity of Chicago, Ill.

HUGH J. CANAVAN, alias John E. McGinnes, Harry J. Spencer, Charles J. Hammond, etc., alleged war aviator, political campaign manager, lumber merchant, automobile merchant, theatrical promoter, and author of war tales, was on March 29 arrested at Boston, Mass., charged with passing bogus checks.

FRED W. CARTER, alias Joseph F. Hargis, is operating with cashier's checks on the Bank of Nimmons, Ark. Arkansas and Kentucky have reported his operations.

P. H. CONEY, 22, of Burlingame, Kan., was on May 12 arrested by our agents at Kansas City, Mo., after he had attempted to defraud a local jeweler in the cashing of a check bearing the forged signature of his uncle. He was later released.

CHARLES R. CONLEY is cashing forged checks of the Draeger Oxygen Apparatus Company, of Pittsburgh.

W. M. FARRINGTON is reported as passing at Hammond, Ind., forged checks of the Indiana Harbor Belt Warehouse & Forwarding Co., Chicago.

J. S. FOUNTAIN has passed a worthless check at Hutchinson, Kan.

W. H. GILMORE has passed a worthless check at Wichita, Kan.

E. A. GRAVES has passed forged checks at Kansas City, Mo.

G. A. GREGORY, forged check passer, was on April 13, arrested at Oakland, Cal.

LORON HAYES. Bogus checks purporting to be issued by the Illinois Bankers Life Association on the Peoples National Bank, Monmouth, Ill., are being passed in the central states by one Loron Hayes.

FRANK HELLER, alias Frank Kistell, L. Hopkins, Fred Brenner, Fred Holden, Harry Lee, etc., was on May 16 arrested at Chicago, Ill., for passing bogus and forged checks. He will be returned to the Joliet Penitentiary for violation of parole.

JOHN M. HOFFMAN has been arrested at Jefferson City, Mo., charged with passing a worthless check.

CARL KENNEDY, 30, has cashed a raised check at Oroville, Wash.

VINCENT MASON, 18, was on April 14 arrested at San Francisco, Cal., for forging and cashing a check, but was later released.

GEORGE D. MILLER, alias George M. Daniels, was on May 10, arrested in New York City charged with passing bogus checks.

C. C. MITCHELL, negro, 30, recently passed worthless checks at Topeka, Kan.

H. L. MURPHY, alleged traveling salesman of a Chicago manufacturing concern and a Kansas City moving picture film company, has cashed worthless checks throughout Missouri and Iowa.

L. W. NIXON, bogus check operator, was arrested at El Reno, Okla., recently.

HARRY C. NORRIS, alias Harry E. Noble, recently passed a bogus check at Pittsburgh, Pa., and later in Hoboken, N. J., in payment of a Ford automobile.

W. A. PENNY, forger, on April 8, was sentenced to 18 months in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan.

D. N. PIERCE, alleged life insurance agent (Commercial Travelers, Chicago, accident and sick benefits), has passed a worthless check at Natoma, Kan.

JOHN L. RICK, alias J. J. Price, J. J. Reed, J. J. Hill, J. H. Harvey, etc., was, on May 1, arrested in New York City on charges of worthless check passing.

S. L. SINGLETON, alias William Jacobs, 65 to 70, has cashed several worthless checks at San Francisco, Cal.

ROY C. SPENCER has cashed forged checks in Goodland, Kan.

DOCTOR J. S. STEVENS, 36 to 40, is drawing bona checks against the Old National Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.

R. A. WATSON, has endeavored to cash a bogus check at Streator, Ill.

T. J. WHELAN, has endeavored to cash a worthless check in New York City.

HENRY WISE, painter, has passed forged checks at Coatesville, Pa.

## ARRESTED PRISONER CONFESSES

Arrested for numerous swindles, count tells of strife between his good intentions and his inclinations to commit crime, the outcome of which landed him in prison

Trailed through the country for three years, Leopold Jocelyn Monick, Alsatian count, master musician, clever swindler, and man of numerous aliases, on February 17, fell into the clutches of the authorities of San Bernardino, Cal. A member at Pasadena, Cal., and another at Moscow, Idaho, are listed among the victims he secured in the cashing of forged checks. When our agents interviewed Monick in jail, they found him of good personality, and a willing talker. He declared that while he was living this life of crime he often



L. J. MONICK

held conference with himself and that the outcome of each counsel was a resolution to turn about and begin a new life.

An opportunity to obtain money without earning it would present itself before him. It was then that he would feel his resolutions crumbling, rendering him powerless to resist temptation. He no longer made resolutions to do good, but now he determined to play the game for all it was worth, and as long as it would serve him. When he considered arrest, which he knew must soon come, he told himself that he would pay the price without a murmur. And he has lived up to this word, for he has made no attempt to defend himself, but assisted the authorities in every way in the prosecution of his own case. "I deserve whatever penalty I receive," he declared, "and I believe that a penitentiary sentence will so discipline me that after my release I will be able to walk a straight road."

On March 23, he was tried and given three years in the California State Penitentiary, Folsom. He is known also as L. Y. Smith, Leopold Prevost, Leopold Monin, Jocelyn Brandenburg and Leopold Pourbaix. He is 25 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 162 pounds, of muscular build, fair complexion, has dark brown hair and blue eyes. He is a musician and was born in France. Bertillon measurements: 75.5 82.0 90.2 19.9 16.0 6.4 28.0 12.3 9.5 48.0. Supplement, January, 1916, p. 103. This arrest was effected by the sheriff at San Bernardino, as result of a warning and picture of Monick he had received from our agents.

GEORGE T. BRANT, 22, who has swindled a member at Portland, Ore., in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on April 14, located by

our agents at Portland and on April 17, arrested by them and the local police on a warrant charging forgery. This young man's past has been marred by numerous misdeeds. The Oregon Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in this investigation.

ED CULVER, JIM BRADSHAW, and W. M. PAYNE, have been arrested in connection with the hold up of the First National Bank, Vian, Okla. Following their arrest they were released on bond. This offense was perpetrated on March 10, 1916.

C. E. DILLON, alias C. E. Dutton, C. E. Downing, B. J. Ender, and C. C. Eckstrom, who in 1915 defrauded banks at Redwood Falls, Tyler, Sanborn and Albert Lee, Minn; with bogus checks, was on May 12 arrested at Chicago, Ill., by our agents and returned to Redwood Falls. Supplement July, 1915, p. 7.

W. G. FLEMING, who during October, 1915, put to loss a member at Zanesville, Ohio, in the cashing of a forged check was on April 14 arrested by the police at Chattanooga, Tenn., and returned to Zanesville where he is now awaiting trial.

EDWARD HESS, who has defrauded three member banks of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the cashing of bogus checks, was on May 15, located and arrested at Pittsburgh by our agents. He confessed his guilt.

FRANCIS D. HURLEY, known also as Earl Brown, and Carl Kelley, who recently swindled a member at Woonsocket, R. I., by bogus check, was on May 8 arrested at Providence, R. I., by our agents. He made a written confession as to his guilt and was returned to Woonsocket for prosecution.

J. H. IVINSON, alias O. M. Bronson, alias E. L. Meeks, who has put to loss a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of a forged check, was on May 13, arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., and returned to Kansas City for trial.

C. H. JOHNSTON, alias George Jones, alias Charles Taub, who in October, 1915, put to loss a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of forged checks, was on May 2, located by our agents in jail at Wyandotte, Kan., where he was being held on a charge of forgery perpetrated at Kansas City, Kan.

O. A. JOHNSON, who has defrauded a member at Oacoma, S. D., by mortgage swindle, was on October 17, at Los Animas, Colo., arrested by our agents and the local sheriff and returned to Winner, S. D.

GEORGE KATZ, 22, who recently forged the name of the proprietor of the Jewish World Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa., to two checks which he secured cash upon at a local bank was on May 1 arrested at Philadelphia by our agents and the police. His name is Jake Millner.

NED KEEFE, 47, who has defrauded a member of Smethport, Pa., by a check bearing a forged endorsement was on April 27 arrested at Irontown, Mo. He is 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds.

EDWARD KELLY, 30 to 35, on April 29, called upon a Spokane, Wash., member and represented himself as William Schafer, a farmer of Chester, Wash., Kelly opened an account with checks payable to William Schafer in amount of \$3,400, since which time he has drawn checks against this account amounting to \$2,000. This action aroused the bank's curiosity and they communicated with William Schafer at Chester, who advised that the man who opened the account (Edward Kelly) was an impostor and that the checks he deposited were

stolen. Our agents took up the investigation and traced Kelly to Portland Ore., where on May 5, they located and arrested him. Kelly readily confessed his identity and guilt. His crime earned him a 2 to 20 year sentence in the Washington State Penitentiary.

**L. S. KINGSBURY.** On page 167 of the May Supplement there appears an article in reference to L. S. Kingsbury, noted swindler. This man just recently appeared at a Washington, D. C., bank and deposited a \$1,000 draft on the Union Trust Co., Chicago, Ill., for collection. He was given a check and passbook and immediately commenced issuing checks to tradespeople. The Chicago bank advised that Kingsbury's check was fraudulent. He then went to Baltimore and continued his operations, but on behalf of the Washington member, our agents and the Baltimore police were enabled to cause Kingsbury's arrest on May 20. The latter endeavored to hide his identity until our agents displayed his prison photographs and record.

**HAROLD PUGH,** 28 to 30, who has defrauded a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on May 9 arrested in Oklahoma City, Okla., by our agents, and returned to Kansas City, Mo.



H. W. ROSENE

**H. W. ROSENE,** alias D. F. Ossian, 28, who in September, 1915, cashed a bogus check in the rooms of a Ligonier, Ind., member, was during April arrested at Princeton, Ill., and returned to Ottumwa, Iowa, on a charge of attempting to defraud a local individual by false mortgage. He is 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds.



SOL RUEBEN

On April 13, the arrest of two men was brought about by the police of San Antonio, Tex. The prisoners gave their names as Sol Rueben and Frank Genebis. Believing that this couple were responsible for the recent swindling of several banks in the southwest in the cashing of bogus checks, their photographs were forwarded to the victimized banks. The



FRANK GENE BIS

photographs were identified as being of the operators who had used the names B. L. Genig, Gus Benton, H. Freeman, L. Cohen, Al Davis, R. Rosenthal, L. Dunlap, H. Chapman, etc. The men are being held at San Antonio. Sol Rueben is a Jew, 19 years, 5 feet 3½ inches, 123½ pounds, of slender build; has medium chestnut hair, blue gray eyes, florid complexion. He is a dancing teacher. Bertillon measurements: 61.0 65.0+ 87.7 19.5 15.2 13.7 6.4 24.7 10.4 8.1 43.1. Frank Genebis, Greek, also a dancing instructor, is 20 years, 5 feet 4¾ inches, 123½ pounds, of slender build, has dark brown hair, blue gray eyes, dark complexion. Bertillon measurements: 64.3 66.0+ 85.6 18.1+ 14.6 13.0 5.9 24.8 10.8 8.2 43.9+.

**WM. SCHARFF,** charged with defrauding a New York City member by forged checks was on February 24, arrested in New York City by the local police.

**FRANK SMITH** has been arrested as one of the men implicated in the hold up of the First National Bank, Heavener, Okla. The arrest was effected at Webber Falls, Okla.

**HERMAN STUBBLEFIELD,** negro, who has used the name of James Davis, and who on May 5, put to loss a member at Dallas, Tex., in the forging and cashing of a check, was on May 10, arrested by our agents at Dallas. Stubblefield confessed to the forgery and cashing of check and is now held awaiting trial.

**CARL R. TISOR,** who is accused of implicating himself with one William N. Stevens, traveling salesman for the Pure Oil Company, in the defrauding of a member at Forsyth, Mont., was on April 21 arrested by our agents at Seattle, Wash., and signified his willingness to be returned to Forsyth for trial. This member declares that Stevens forged indorsements to customer's check he had received and cashed same.

**DR. R. K. WARDELL,** who has defrauded a New York City member in the cashing of a forged check, was on May 9, arrested in that city by our agents and the local police.

**LESLIE M. WAYMAN,** wanted by a member at Lenexa, Kan., on a charge of swindling by worthless check, was on April 27, taken into custody at Urbana, Kan., by our agents, and returned to Lenexa for trial. This check was cashed in October, 1914.

## CONVICTED

**L. ALLEN,** alias Alex Carlson, forgery, May 15, 1916, 1 year, Wisconsin Penitentiary.

**JAMES E. BIXLER,** forged note, May 3, 1916, parole of 9 months. Also to reimburse defrauded member amount of forged note.

## TOWN SENTIMENT MOVES COURT

Man who held up and robbed Nordhoff, Cal., bank receives light sentence as result of petition signed by 106 residents of town

Majority rules, right or wrong. This is demonstrated in the outcome of the case against George Downing, who on March 30, 1916 entered the Ojai State Bank, Nordhoff, Cal., and at the point of a gun, blindfolded and bound the only employee present, then robbed the bank of \$3,894. Downing was arrested thirty-six hours after he had committed this crime. On April 26 he was tried. On one side of the trial judge's desk there lay a petition signed by 106 of the residents



GEORGE DOWNING

of Ojai Valley. It pleaded vehemently that leniency be shown to the prisoner. It stated that unfortunate circumstances had persistently pursued him, unbalanced his mind, and prompted this action; that he had been always of good character and that he was no criminal. On the other side of the desk there lay a protest to which but thirty of the local people had signed their names. It urged that Downing be punished according to the seriousness of the crime he had committed, that a man of his character was a dangerous menace to society. The judge weighed both. "Two years at San Quentin," was his verdict. Downing had been spared ten to twenty years of imprisonment. But for the protest, this man would undoubtedly have been given immediate liberty.

JAMES D. CONNELL, forged check, May 3, 1916, paroled for 1 year.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT, alias "Spilly" Evans, sneak theft, 2½ years, New York State Prison.

BENJAMIN F. FELTER, alias B. E. Fellman, bogus check, April 20, 1916, 60 days, jail at New Rochelle, N. Y.

FRANCIS D. HURLEY, alias Earl Brown, etc., bogus checks, fined \$50 and costs.

C. H. JOHNSTON, alias George Jones, alias Charles Taub, forgeries, 10 years, Kansas State Penitentiary.

EDWARD KELLY, forgery, May 10, 1916, 2 to 20 years, Washington State Penitentiary.

DR. OSKAR KIEFER, alias Dr. F. W. Ferree, alias Otto Weber, etc., May 13, 1916, 1 year, Allegheny County Workhouse, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HORACE MITCHELL, swindle, 2 to 4 years, Idaho State Penitentiary.

LEOPOLD JOCELYN MONICK, alias Count Brandenburg, etc., forgeries, March 23, 1916, 3 years, California State Penitentiary.

JOHN NEARY, alias John Ryan and Richard Neary, worthless check, 2 years, North Dakota Penitentiary. Will be returned to Harrison, Neb., on member's charge.

BERT PERKINS, forgery, April 22, 1916, 2 to 14 years, Indiana State Reformatory.

HAROLD PUGH, forgeries, May 11, 1916, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

WILLIAM SCHARFF, forgery, March 31, 1916, 1 to 4 years, New York State Prison.

ARMOUR SMITH, forged indorsement, May 1, 1916, 3 years, Kentucky State Penitentiary.

## RELEASED

FREDERICK J. BENBOW, alias A. J. Stover, released; victimized bank permitted compromise.

ABE GREENSPOON, alleged forgeries, released on a *nolle contendere*, May 2, 1916.

EDDIE MACK, hold up; released, account of turning state's evidence.

## AWAITING ACTION

## ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS.

Adams, Frank, forgery, Hudson, S. D.  
Aievoli, Arthur, raised check, San Francisco, Cal.  
Brant, George T., forgery, Portland, Ore.  
Andrews, Bob, swindle, Ramseur, N. C.  
Betts, George W., swindle, Caney, Kan.  
Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.  
Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
Blum, Elias, forgery, Oakland, Cal.  
Boykin, Gray, raised check, Palestine, Tex.  
Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
Burke, William, swindle, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Burt, Mrs. Kate, forgery, Juneau, Alaska.  
Busby, Joe, mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.  
Callieris, John, swindle, Lexington, Ky.  
Cameron, Earl L., forgery, Goldendale, Wash.  
Clark, W. F., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
Cowan, William C., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
Cox, Lucile, forgery, Fort Worth, Tex.  
Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
Davis, Everett J., forgery, Watertown, N. Y.



Dent, Dan, forgery, Moscow, Kan.  
 Dillon, C. E., bogus checks, Tyler, Minn.  
 Dingfelder, Christ, forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Doane, Leon L., swindle, San Diego, Cal.  
 Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Dykstra, J. J., swindle, Guthrie, Okla.  
 Evanoff, Nik, worthless draft, Portland, Ore.  
 Fleming, W. G., forgery, Zanesville, O.  
 Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Genebis, Frank, bogus checks, San Pedro, Cal.  
 Geyer, Henry, Mount Vernon, Iowa.  
 Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
 Green, Max, swindle, Manhattan, Ill.  
 Hayes, Joseph F., forgery, Providence, R. I.  
 Hess, Edward, bogus checks, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Houghton, G. F. C., forgery, New York City.  
 Ivinson, J. H., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Johnson, O. A., mortgage swindle, Oacoma, S. D.  
 Katz, George, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Keefe, Ned, forgery, Smethport, Pa.  
 Keltner, Tom, forgery, Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 King, R. E., forgery, Milwaukee, Ore.  
 Kingsbury, L. S., bogus checks, Washington, D. C.  
 Kosmos, Pete, swindle, Hermiston, Ore.  
 Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Le Strange, Augustus, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Lowe, Alfred, forgery, Baileyton, Tenn.  
 McElroy, Lethel, forgery, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Mann, Edward, swindle, Carlisle, Ark.  
 Margulies, S., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Martin, Clifford, forgery, Clarinda, Iowa.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Metzgar, H. R., forgery, New Hartford, Ia.  
 Meyer, J. G., bogus check, Lakewood, Ohio.  
 Minckler, Albert C., forgery, Hartford, Conn.  
 Moore, Michael, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Nelson, John A., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.  
 Rabb, J. A., forgery, Monroe, La.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Rosenberg, I., forgery, Bandon, Ore.  
 Rosene, H. W., bogus check, Ligonier, Ind.  
 Rosenthal, Max, forgery, Miami, Fla.  
 Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Rueben, Sol, bogus checks, San Pedro, Cal.  
 Sanders, Mrs. S. D., swindle, Baker, Ore.  
 Scott, John, forgery, South Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Shelby, Vollie, forgery, Mount Pulaski, Ill.  
 Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
 Skillman, Harry, swindle, Silver Springs, N. Y.

Smith, Frank, swindle, Wichita, Kan.  
 Spaulding, T. W., worthless check, Oakland, Cal.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Strozier, Will, forgery, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Stubblefield, Herman, forgery, Dallas, Tex.  
 Templeton, Robert J., forgery, Brookville, Pa.  
 Terry, James, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Thorne, George Lee, forgery, Riverside, Cal.  
 Tisch, Beatrice, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Tischler, Amelia, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Tisor, Carl R., accomplice of swindler, Forsyth, Mont.  
 Troiana, Alfred, swindle, El Paso, Tex.  
 Turner, William C. D., forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Wardell, Dr. R. K., forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Wayman, Leslie M., worthless check, Lenexa, Kan.  
 Wilson, Lloyd, swindle, Richwood, W. Va.  
 Wilt, F., forgery, Duncan, Okla.  
 Wise, Charles F., swindle, East Liverpool, Ohio.

## BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Bradshaw, Jim, hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Compton, R. M., hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Crittenden, William, hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Culver, Edward, hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Cummings, Robert L., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Driscoll, O. W., hold up, Depew, Okla.  
 Hembree, Fred, burglary, Andale, Kan.  
 Johnson, Charles H., hold up, Stroud, Okla.  
 Letterman, F. A., hold up, Red Fork, Okla.  
 Payne, W. M., hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Schuneman, John, hold up, Red Fork, Okla.  
 Smith, Frank, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Talbott, Tom, hold up, Houston, Pa.

## STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting Trial, August 1, 1915.	Arrested since August 1, 1915.	Arrests in May, 1916.	Total.	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Escaped, Insane, Fugitive or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	88	271	22	293	217	63	9	92
Burglars.....	10	3	..	3	8	4	1	..
Hold-up								
Robbers.....	10	27	4	31	24	1	1	15
Sneak Thieves..	..	4	..	4	3	..	1	..
	108	305	26	331	252	68	12	107

## MASTER SWINDLERS

There are "master minds" in every profession and trade, whose genius thrusts them up head and shoulders above their fellow workers. So also has the swindling world its "master minds," whose ability at securing victims and outwitting the authorities must also be recognized as genius.

From time to time we will publish in this Supplement, brief histories of these "Master Swindlers," believing that it will meet with the interest of all our readers.



(Without Disguise)



(With Disguise)

### WILLIAM J. REID

Criminal genius and dean of disguisers

Many months before William J. Reid took action against the banks of the United States he had worked out every move that he would make in his attack. He studied minutely the cases of successful and unsuccessful bank swindlers who had gone before him, considered the weak and strong points of their methods, and constructed his plan of operations accordingly.

Reid decided to work with forged certified checks, and to display to his intended victims, a letter of the bank upon which his check was drawn. He realized, however, that he could not get possession of letterheads of different banks throughout the country. One thing was left for him to do—to secure a complete printing outfit, and to print letterheads and checks himself. Shortly thereafter he became rightful owner of such an outfit. He then secured a bankers' blue book and set to work on the letterheads and checks, referring to the blue book for the correct name of the banks, and the proper titles of their officials. For many days he was thus employed until he satisfied himself that a good stock was on hand.

At this point he soliloquized, "I will secure the cash on my check, and turn from the bank. Shortly thereafter the bank will become aware that I have defrauded them and will immediately call in the police. The paying teller will relate that I am about 40 years of age; 120 pounds in weight; that I am extremely thin; have the appearance of a consumptive; am of sallow complexion, and have very little hair. The police will hasten from the bank, and if I have not had time to leave the town, they will have no difficulty in locating and arresting me because of my physical appearance. I will be brought before the paying teller to whom I presented the check and letter, he will immediately identify me, and the penitentiary will be my next destination. Now, how can I overcome the danger of an arrest and subsequent identification?"

To such a resourceful genius such problems did not remain long unanswered and he had soon resolved that he would appear to the bank man as if in full health; his body well filled out; his cheeks in good color; his hair in full growth. To the police he would take on his natural appearance, thin, bald-headed, and of sallow complexion.

Reid next set to work to materialize his plans of transformation. He purchased a half dozen suits of clothes, in

different colors, and of much larger sizes than would fit his person. Then he obtained large quantities of padding, which he stuffed evenly into the lining of the different suits. He bought hats, socks, ties, etc., to match each suit. After he had completed this wardrobe, he purchased a wig of mixed black and gray hair, and lastly a supply of face paints that would impart to his skin a healthy color.

It was many weeks before he had completed every detail and considered himself ready to start his crusade. He dressed himself in his proper clothing, then slipped into one of the padded suits, placed the wig upon his head, carefully applied the paint to his face, and stationed himself before his looking glass. The transformation was so thorough that Reid himself was taken aback.

Leaving his quarters he entered a local bank, and extended one of his forged checks and letters of introduction. The cash was turned over to him without a single question. His first victim had been secured! The fraud was later discovered by the bank and the police notified. In all accordance with Reid's calculations, the police set out in the town to arrest for the offense one S. P. Croft, a man of 40 years, 200 pounds in weight, extremely well built, with florid and healthy complexion, and a full growth of black and gray hair. Reid had hastened back to his quarters, forced S. P. Croft out of existence, and was shortly thereafter traveling the streets under the very eyes of the police who were searching for the swindler S. P. Croft.

Reid operated in numerous states and numerous banks suffered heavily in his transactions. However, as an end is brought to all things, his operations had their termination. It was not a misstep that led him to Sanger, Cal., a little town with a very wideawake sheriff. Reid victimized a local bank and this sheriff learned of the fraud. Suspicious of all strangers, whether they fitted the description of the swindler or

not, the sheriff advanced upon Reid, demanded the history of his life, and finally got into Reid's room and ransacked his belongings. The gray suit, the green tie as described by the paying teller, a wig that matched the black and gray hair of the swindler were found; also a supply of inks, eradicators, stamps, blank checks, letterheads, etc., were unearthed. The sheriff, realizing that he had made a great find, marched our swindler off to jail.

The paying teller arrived later and failed to identify the sheriff's prisoner. But when the latter was brought before him decked-out in his swindling suit, he was immediately identified by the bank man. A 6-year sentence at Folsom, Cal., was the price netted him for his offense at Sanger. Reid is at this date confined behind the walls of the Folsom prison.

During 1902 Reid was arrested in San Francisco. He escaped from the Massachusetts State Prison during January,

1914, while ill with rheumatism, making keys, sawing his way through heavy iron chains, unlocking nine doors, scaling an eighteen foot wall, and hobbling to liberty on a crutch. His escape was not discovered until the following day. A judge of Chicago, Ill., has declared that he had known of Reid for twenty-five years, and that the swindler had obtained more than \$200,000, by his fraudulent transactions. This judge also claimed that in 1903 Reid obtained \$60,000, on forged notes in the city of Chicago. In 1895 Reid was accused of attempting to burn the town of Rockford, Iowa, but was released because of insufficient evidence to convict.

Reid's remarkable powers, if exerted in honest business channels, would have won for him the highest success. His overpowering criminal nature brought him failure, and disgrace. We believe he well deserves the title of "Master Swindler."

